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Summit enters final day amid optimistic signs

Leaders resume closed-door talks

By Rana Sabbagh
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

THE EXTRAORDINARY Arab summit entered its fourth and possibly final session late Tuesday evening with 21 Arab leaders working towards hammering out a common stand on resolutions serving the nation's higher interests and collective action.

The summit's fourth session is continuing amidst speculation that its meetings could possibly conclude today.

"If things go on well," the first attended Arab summit since the 1978 Baghdad summit is expected to end on Wednesday, said Akram Barakat, an acting official spokesman for the conference.

Mr. Barakat made this announcement as he was reading in a short prepared statement the proceedings of the summit's third session, which concluded earlier on Tuesday.

Mr. Barakat stood in for the official spokesman for the conference, Foreign Minister Taher Al Asri, who was busy working with a nine-member committee drafting the summit's resolutions on the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The drafting committee held its meeting Tuesday morning as leaders were holding their third closed session.

The committee will proceed with its work late through Tuesday evening until all resolutions presented to them are completed," Mr. Barakat told reporters.

The nine-member committee comprises the foreign ministers of Jordan, Algeria, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, North Yemen and head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The civil strife in Lebanon topped the agenda of discussions during the summit's third closed session (See page 3 for the Lebanese president's address). The session also tackled the Iran-Iraq war, the Arab-Israeli conflict and Egypt's return to the Arab fold, Mr. Barakat said.

According to summit sources, the drafting committee spent the "bulk of its time" on formulating resolutions pertaining to the Iran-Iraq war.

The committee made "structural changes and rephrasings on the resolutions regarding the conflict in the Gulf" to bring about a formula accepted by all participants, said the source, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity.

He said that the general concept in charting the draft resolutions centred on devising recommendations characterised with a nationalistic tendency that tries to compromise the regional interests of each Arab country. Hence, the source said, he expected all resolutions to be "moderate and well-balanced."

Syria seeking changes in endorsement of 598

By Lamis K. Andoni
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

ILL-INFORMED Arab officials said Tuesday that Syria was seeking to block an Arab summit resolution endorsing a United Nations ceasefire plan in the Gulf by rejecting the chronological order of the steps proposed in the internationally-accepted resolution.

The officials, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity, said the Syrian stand emerged during a meeting of a special panel of Arab foreign ministers entrusted with drafting resolutions to be adopted by the extraordinary Arab summit here. "Syria insisted that the summit's endorsement of (U.N. Security Council) Resolution 598 could not include a reference at the chronological order of the steps outlined in the resolution to end the Gulf war," said an official close to the panel in remarks made to a group of reporters. The official said Iraq, which enjoys the broad backing of the rest of the nine-member panel, is strongly resisting the Syrian move.

Resolution 598 calls for an immediate ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, withdrawal of both belligerents' forces to the internationally-accepted border, an exchange of prisoners of war and an inquiry into the origins of the war to identify which party started the war seven years ago.

The resolution stipulates that implementation should follow the same chronological order as codified when it was adopted by the Security Council on July 20. Iran is insisting that the U.N. set up a commission of inquiry to determine the "aggressor" in the war before anything else as a precondition for accepting the resolution. The Syrian position at the summit drafting the Amman resolutions fell in line with the Iranian demand, analysts pointed out.

Earlier in the day, Iraq's first



Arab leaders at the outset of Tuesday's closed-door session of the summit (photo by Yusef Al 'Allan)

King continues bilateral meetings

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein pursued his efforts for Arab reconciliation on the fringes of the Arab summit conference on Tuesday by hosting a meeting with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The King earlier met with Mr. Assad and with Mr. Hussein separately.

The King also met with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The King's meeting with Mr. Arafat was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

On the Palestinian side, the meeting was attended by the head of the PLO's political department, Farouq Qaddoumi, and the PLO representative in Amman, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

Following the meeting, Mr. Arafat said he had agreed with the King to resume efforts, broken off in January 1986, to coordinate their Middle East peace strategy.

"It was more than reconciliation," Mr. Arafat told reporters after emerging from the meeting.

"I had a meeting in the morning with the monarch in the presence of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and we agreed to coordinate for the sake of our people and our just cause," he said.

Tuesday's meetings were the first in Amman between the King and Mr. Arafat since the February 1986 collapse of a joint effort to negotiate peace with Israel. But the two leaders met on the fringes of the Organisation of Islamic Conference in Kuwait last January.

As part of separate meetings on Tuesday, the King also met with Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, emir of Qatar, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, emir of Kuwait, and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz. The last meeting was attended by Crown Prince Hassan.

The King also received South Yemeni head of state Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas and his Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al Dali. The meeting was attended by Mr. Qasem and Mr. Masri.



His Majesty King Hussein with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (centre) and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad (Photo by Yusef Al 'Allan)



His Majesty King Hussein confers with (from left to right) UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Qatari Emir Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz in a meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)



His Majesty King Hussein meets Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat (Photo by Yusef Al 'Allan)

Ramadan hopes for Syrian endorsement of resolution in support of Iraqi stand

By Lamis K. Andoni
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

A SENIOR Iraqi official on Tuesday voiced reserved optimism that Syria would be ready to back an Arab resolution in support of Iraq's position in the seven-year-old war with Iran.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's first deputy prime minister and member of the Revolutionary Command Council, said deliberations at the extraordinary Arab summit on the Iran-Iraq war had shown "a positive" change in the Syrian position, which gives way to "an extent of optimism" that Damascus would endorse a final resolution in support of Iraq.

Mr. Ramadan, in an exclusive interview with the Jordan Times, described the warmth that characterised the meeting between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad as "unthinkable before" (See story below).

Prior to Monday night's banquet, His Majesty King Hussein brought together the Iraqi and Syrian leaders in a meeting with the leaders of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates and North Yemen. Referring to the meeting, an acting official Jordanian spokesman said Tuesday that "the two leaders" (President Hussein and President Assad) brotherly meeting could signal a promising start to a new

era of brotherly relations between Syria and Iraq.

"God willing, good news will emerge as a result of the Syrian-Iraqi reconciliation for the best interests of the two peoples, and for the benefit of the Arab Nation as a whole and for consolidating the concept of national security and Arab security," Mr. Akram Barakat told reporters. He did not elaborate.

Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleh Ibrahim told Reuters the meeting had brightened prospects for a reconciliation.

"We were full of hope, and have become even more optimistic after the meeting," he said of the meeting.

Mr. Ramadan told the Jordan Times Iraq does not consider bilateral relations and issues related to Baghdad-Damascus ties as the most important aspect towards Iraqi-Syrian reconciliation. "In our view, the most important aspect is Syria's position on the (Iran-Iraq) war," he said.

According to Mr. Ramadan,

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Iraq to resume ties with Egypt

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

IRAQ WILL restore diplomatic relations with Egypt immediately after the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman regardless of whatever decision that the conference takes on the issue of Egypt's return to the Arab League or on Arab diplomatic relations with Cairo, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said Tuesday.

Mr. Ramadan, a member of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, told the Jordan Times in an exclusive interview that his country was spearheading a campaign within the summit to readmit Egypt to the Arab League.

However, Mr. Ramadan said, Iraq was "determined to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt immediately after the summit" regardless of the outcome of its efforts at the summit.

Mr. Ramadan's statement coincided with reports at least five other Gulf states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE and Bahrain — were poised to announce their resumption of diplomatic ties with Egypt, which was expelled from the Arab League in 1978 at an Arab summit in Baghdad following the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's controversial visit to Jerusalem. It is widely accepted that only a unanimous Arab decision could revoke the suspension and readmit Egypt to the Arab League, but Mr. Ramadan said: "Readmission of Egypt does not require a unanimous Arab decision."

He explained the statement by recalling that Sudan and Oman did not join the 1978 vote to expel Egypt from the Arab League and therefore, "the decision to suspend Egypt's membership (in the league) was a majority decision and, consequently, a reversal of that resolution does not need a unanimous decision... a majority decision will suffice."

During Tuesday's closed session of the Arab summit, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, an avowed opponent of Egypt's

readmission to the Arab League as long as Cairo does not revoke its 1979 separate peace treaty with Israel, reiterated his stand against moves to reinstate Egypt's membership in the league.

A source, quoted by AP, said President Assad spent much of his two-hour speech arguing against the proposal to readmit Egypt to the Arab League.

"Any attempt at the summit conference to end the suspension of Egypt's membership in the Arab League will only result in undermining all the positive conclusions which have been reached and might be reached," Syrian presidential spokesman Jihane Kourieh said Tuesday.

But the conference source said such an attempt was made by Iraq and the six Gulf Cooperation Council states during a closed five-hour meeting of the 21 delegation leaders.

No final decision has been reached by the conference.

Kourieh said the 1978 Camp David accords and Cairo's treaty commitments to Israel the following year made it impossible for Egypt to honour its formal obligations under the Joint Arab Defence Pact and the Arab League Charter.

"What has changed for the Arabs to change their position on the Camp David accords and those who are abiding by them?" Kourieh asked.

"Is it possible to discuss Egypt's return to the Arab League while the Israeli flag is raised above the Israeli embassy in the heart of Cairo?"

Crown Prince Abdullah, representing Saudi Arabia at the summit, told Gulf journalists that a saying of his late father, King Abdul Aziz, still held true: "We cannot dispense with Egypt and Egypt cannot dispense with us" (See page 2).

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan told a news conference Monday that there was a "growing possibility" that individual states would restore relations with Cairo after the summit if no formal decision was taken to readmit Egypt.

Saudi Arabia to defend Kuwait — Prince Abdullah

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia would be the first country to defend Kuwait if the emirate were attacked by Iran. Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz was quoted on Tuesday as saying.

The prince also told a group of Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti editors in Amman on Monday night that the Arab World could not dispense with Egypt.

"The kingdom is at the forefront of the defenders of Kuwait. If, God forbid, something terrible like that happened (an Iranian attack) to Kuwait, you would see our leader, King Fahd, at Safat Square (in Kuwait City)." Prince Abdullah was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency as telling the meeting.

Iran has fired six missiles this year at Kuwait, which supports Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia both belong to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), an economic and defence alliance which has said that any attack on Kuwait would be considered an attack on all members.

Asked about Egypt's return to the Arab League, Prince Abdullah said: "Here I would like to reiterate what the late King Abdul Aziz once said, 'We cannot dispense with Egypt and

Egypt can not dispense with us.'" Prince Abdullah is leading the Saudi Arabian delegation to the Arab League summit in Amman. Egypt was suspended from the League and most Arab states cut ties in 1979 when Cairo signed a U.S.-brokered peace treaty with Israel.

But relations between Egypt and many Arab states have since improved and delegation sources said several Arab states would resume diplomatic relations after the summit.

Prince Abdullah said the kingdom was optimistic about the summit's results so far and stressed the importance of normalising relations between Syria and



Crown Prince Abdullah

Iraq. Leaders of Syria and Iraq held a 5-1/2 hour meeting with six other Arab leaders in Amman on Monday night in an attempt to narrow the gap.

Syria is Iran's main Arab ally in its seven-year war with Iraq.

Ireland postpones trade visit to Libya after seizure of ship

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Irish government has postponed a trade mission to Libya following the seizure of a freighter carrying weapons allegedly destined for the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The freighter Eskund was seized off the coast of France on Oct. 31 while carrying 150 tons of missiles, machine guns and other weapons.

French authorities contend the arms shipment was intended for the IRA, and five Irishmen aboard the vessel have been charged with trafficking in weapons for terrorism. The IRA, which is fighting a guerrilla war in Northern Ireland to oust the British from the province, is banned in both sides of the Irish border.

A French news agency quoted French intelligence sources as saying the Eskund was loaded in Libya, which has previously been expressed support for the IRA's campaign.

Libya, however, has categorically denied any involvement with the Eskund affair.

Before the ship was seized, the Irish government had said a trade mission, led by Albert Reynolds, the minister for industry and commerce, would visit Libya.

But in an apparent reference to the arms shipment, an Irish government statement issued on Monday said: "In view of recent developments, the government has decided that the trade visit to Libya should not proceed at present."

Weir, Jenco urge pressure on Reagan over hostages

GRANTS PASS, Oregon (AP) — Americans must urge the government to negotiate for the freedom of hostages still being held in Lebanon, a former hostage says.

"There has to be some sense of pressure and urgency if the administration is going to respond," Benjamin Weir said in an interview with the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Weir, who was in Grants Pass with his wife, Carol, for a church speaking engagement Sunday, said he is concerned about waning interest in the hostages.

He wears a small yellow ribbon reading "Free the hostages" on his lapel. His wife wore a similar ribbon when she worked in the United States and Middle East for her husband's freedom.

Weir was kidnapped May 9, 1984, and held for 495 days by the same Shiite Muslim extremists who are holding Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, and Thomas Sutherland, dean of the school of agriculture at the Amer-

ican University of Beirut. Weir, who grew his first beard while in captivity but prefers to be clean-shaven, said he will keep his beard until Anderson and Sutherland are freed.

The Weirs, who served as Presbyterian missionaries in the Middle East for 32 years, now teach at the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Another former hostage, the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, said Sunday in Belleville, Illinois, that he believes Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite will be released soon.

"He is alive, and I expect Terry Waite to be released shortly," said Fr. Jenco, a Catholic priest held hostage in Lebanon for 19 months before his release in July 1986. "Keep that in your prayers."

Fr. Jenco also said he is disturbed by an apparent State Department decision to reduce its efforts to gain the release of other still being held in Lebanon.

French contact Arab states over Abu Nidal kidnapping

PARIS (Agencies) — France has verified that one of the eight hostages allegedly seized aboard a hijacked yacht by the Abu Nidal group is French, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

On Sunday, an official claiming to represent the Abu Nidal group told reporters in Beirut that the organisation had captured eight Israeli sailors in the yacht Silko off the coast of the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

One of the people was identified as Jacqueline Valente, 30, a French citizen.

The Foreign Ministry said Mrs. Valente had travelled abroad since 1985, taking with her two daughters, Marie-Laure, 6, and Virginie, 5.

"France has made contact with all those who could act usefully with the kidnappers, in particular the high Arab officials who are at the moment at the Amman summit," the ministry said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) also has

been contacted, and France is in permanent contact with the Belgian government. Five of those allegedly kidnapped are reportedly Belgian citizens.

The ICRC said on Tuesday it had still not received any message from the Abu Nidal group who claim to have contacted the humanitarian group about eight hostages.

Meanwhile the secretive Abu Nidal group buried two of its Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon on Tuesday and said they died fighting Israel.

A convoy of 20 cars and two ambulances decked with wreaths and flags escorted the coffins from the teaming Ain Al Hilweh camp, home of about 80,000 Palestinians, near the southern port of Sidon. Abu Nidal officials said.

They named the two as Hussein Rahah Saad Karb and Youssef Ahmad Adib Mohammad Dawoud.

S. Africa trying to lure 600 Israeli aircraft workers

TEL AVIV (AP) — South Africa has launched a campaign to attract hundreds of Israeli engineers who worked on the Lavit jet fighter before being fired when the project was scrapped this summer, reports said Monday.

The Jerusalem Post newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying the South African government offered salaries of \$7,000 a month and generous transportation and housing allowances to 600 former employees of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI).

The newspaper also said South Africa was trying to attract key project officers still employed by IAI.

Officials in the Defence Ministry, at IAI and the company's workers committee refused com-

ment on the report. Several IAI employees told the Associated Press in September that they had been offered large sums of money to move to South Africa, but at the time did not describe it as a systematic campaign by the South African government.

About 3,000 IAI employees have been fired since the Israeli government, acting under U.S. pressure, voted in August to scrap development of the over-budget Lavit, a mainly U.S.-funded project. The plane was to have been Israel's first-line jet fighter of the 1990s.

An IAI official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the company could not stop former Lavit workers from accepting contracts in South Africa.

Lebanese end strike

BEIRUT (R) — War-weary Lebanese returned to work on Tuesday after a five-day general strike in protest at the state of their battered country and its ailing economy.

The General Labour Federation (GLF) called off the stoppage after what it said was a government pledge to tackle one of the key grievances, the collapse in the value of the Lebanese pound.

"We are awaiting fulfilment of the demands and we will go back on strike if they delay," GLF President Antoine Bechara told reporters.

He said a special committee comprising representatives of the acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, the Central Bank and the GLF would work to restore the value of the once-sturdy pound.

Lebanon's Middle East Airlines resumed services on Tuesday and streets were again jammed with traffic as people streamed to work and school buses took children to lessons.

Residents rushed to banks to refill empty purses and long queues appeared at petrol stations and bottled gas depots.

Mr. Bechara said that under the back-to-work deal, financial credits were being allocated to help people with school fees and a draft bill was being prepared on improving public transport.

There was no comment from the government.

On Monday some 60,000 Christian and Muslim Beirutis demonstrated in a rare show of unity.

During the protests crowds swarmed over eastern barricades of the battle-scarred "green line," splitting Beirut into two sectors, chanting: "We want no east, no west. We want national unity. We want to live in peace."

In an emotional scene, men, women and children from the warring mainly Muslim west and Christian east hugged and kissed one another near the parliament building on the eight kilometres long "green line" of shell-pocked barriers.

"Let them lift the political siege. Let them lift the economic siege and all the barricades. We want to be united as one country," shouted the demonstrators.

The demonstrations were sparked by the drop in the pound which has lost more than 82 per cent of its value against the dollar this year.

Residents in the northern port city of Tripoli, in Sidon and Tyre in the south staged similar demonstrations with placards criticising Lebanon's political leaders.

"We can wait until the end of the year at the outside to see the extent of the commitment to the promises given to us," GLF President Bechara told Reuters.

"If necessary, we may take measures even two weeks from now and then our stand would be very severe and we will take serious measures on the political level."

Abu Ghazala stresses importance of developing Egypt's arms industry

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt's defence minister told military experts on Tuesday that it was important to develop the arms industry in Egypt because of its strategic location.

Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala told a two-day symposium on defence technology in Cairo that Egypt lay at the heart of Africa and of the Arab nation which today faced serious threats.

"He who does not make his own arms, does not possess freedom of decision... We are not making arms for aggression but to preserve our dignity, freedom and independence," he said.

On Monday President Hosni Mubarak opened the Second Cairo International Defence Equipment Exhibition, a showcase of Egypt's military might in the Arab World.

Egypt produces most of the systems exhibited in joint projects with companies from 17 countries of the Americas, Europe and Australasia.

Mr. Mubarak, supreme commander of Egyptian Armed Forces, showed interest and satisfaction over the sophisticated, state-of-the-art weaponry.

"I want (Egypt) to reach what the world has reached, but each (country) has its own limitation," he said.

"We are close to self-sufficiency, and the more depth in industry the more it will make every citizen — Egyptian or Arab — proud."

A highlight of the show, which

will last until Friday, is the M-1 A-1 Abrams tank, the most modern armoured vehicle in the U.S. arsenal. The United States has agreed in principle to allow Egypt to assemble the tank, and negotiations are under way on details.

After hearing at another U.S. pavilion an explanation of the operation of a missile-armed fast-attack helicopter, Mr. Mubarak asked: "Is it used in the Gulf?"

The commander-in-chief of the air force and an air force pilot before he entered politics, Mr. Mubarak climbed into a flight simulator at the Hungarian pavilion and manipulated its controls.

At the French pavilion, he saw a model of the Mirage 2000 fighter-bomber, 20 of which Egypt has bought for its air force, and the new Mirage 4000. There also were models of the Alpha jet fighter, produced jointly by Egypt and France.

"Egypt is a fortress of security and stability," Gamal Al Sayed, minister of state for defence production, said in an opening speech. "It is the key to the Middle East and the strongest influence on developments in this region."

Delegations from 11 Arab countries attended Monday's opening ceremony, including Iraq and others that have had no diplomatic relations with Egypt since a pan-Arab break following Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Egypt has supported Iraq in its 7-year-old war with Iran, selling Baghdad an estimated \$1.5 billion worth of weapons so far. There have been unconfirmed reports that Egyptian air force advisers are in Kuwait, and Mr. Mubarak has offered to support that country if a spillover from the Gulf war threatens it.

Mr. Mubarak refused to comment on the possibility of Egyptian military intervention in the Gulf war.

Despite having diplomatic ties only with Oman, Jordan, Somalia, Djibouti and Sudan, Egypt maintains trade and cultural links with most of the other Arab states.

Asked what he expects from the Arab summit being held in Amman, called mainly to forge a joint Arab position on the Iran-Iraq war, Mr. Mubarak shrugged and replied: "Well, we will wait and see what goes on."

The Amman meeting is the first full summit in five years. Mr. Mubarak decried the delay, saying, "the problems in the area are enough for this summit to convene at least once every six months."

Mr. Mubarak would not comment on the Arabs' possible resumption of diplomatic relations with Egypt. He said only that he hopes the summit succeed in "narrowing the gap... between these countries, because this is the main item for solving most of the problems or disputes among the Arab World."

Leading Egyptian writer, activist dies

CAIRO (R) — Rahman Shawkawi, a leading Egyptian writer and left-wing political activist, died early on Tuesday after a heart attack, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

Mr. Shawkawi, who died on his 67th birthday after a trip to the Soviet Union, was an often controversial figure whose plays, poems and novels on political and heroic themes are set books in Egyptian universities.

He was a member of Egypt's

National Assembly and Supreme Press Council. He also wrote for the semi-official Al Ahram newspaper.

Mr. Shawkawi was chairman of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation in 1985 and former board chairman of the weekly political review Rose Al Youssef. He was secretary general of the Supreme Arts Council in 1977.

He achieved fame with his first book, the Land, which explored peasant sufferings under feudal-

ism. He wrote a verse play extolling French Algerian independence fighter Djamilia Bouhired and a serialisation of his last novel, Abu Bakr Al Sedik, ended in Al Ahram last month.

Born on November 10, 1920, Shawkawi graduated in law from Cairo University in 1943 and worked in the Education Ministry's Legal Department before turning to journalism and literature.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

Denktash accuses Greek Cypriots of arming

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Rauf Denktaş, leader of the Turkish Cypriots, on Tuesday accused the Greek Cypriot government of arming to destroy the Turkish Cypriot community.

Mr. Denktaş, on arrival from Turkey, told reporters at Ercan Airport outside this divided city that "they (Greek Cypriots) are purchasing tanks and other weapons. They are increasing taxes for armament. We know this is to destroy Turkish Cypriots."

Mr. Denktaş charged the Greek government with helping this cause by "irresponsibly" selling arms to the Greek Cypriot leadership. His remarks were car-

ried by Turkey's semi-official Anatolia News Agency.

He called on the Greek Cypriots to give up the "madness" of armament, saying it would benefit themselves, the island and the region.

The Greek Cypriot National Guard has recently exhibited in exercises and a parade of new weapons including French-made AMX light tanks, Austrian-made armoured personnel carriers equipped with Italian "Milan" anti-tank missiles, Swiss anti-aircraft guns, and five helicopters, equipped with anti-tank missiles.

The Greek Cypriot government has said the buildup is to match a buildup of Turkish forces

in northern Cyprus. They claim Turkish troops in Cyprus number 35,000, including armoured units. Greek Cypriots have about 20,000 men under arms in addition to 1,750 troops from mainland Greece, many serving as officers and NCO's with Cypriot units.

In an annual report released in September, United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said a dangerous military build-up is taking place on the island, a trend that may lead to confrontations.

Cyprus was divided into northern and southern sectors after Turkish troops invaded the Mediterranean island in 1974.

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Gemayel calls for summit resolutions to assist Lebanon

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel addressed Tuesday's session of the Arab summit conference and praised His Majesty King Hussein for hosting the meeting and his efforts towards bridging the gaps between Arab states.

Mr. Gemayel congratulated the King on his keynote addresses at the outset of the summit and during the first closed session, and called on the summiters to follow by King Hussein's standpoint as outlined in his speeches.

The Lebanese president expressed his sadness over the ongoing hostilities committed against Arab cities, citing the recent riots stirred by Iranian pilgrims in Mecca and Iranian missile attacks on Kuwait and Baghdad.

He urged the conferees to adopt a unified Arab stand to face external challenges to the Arab Nation.

Mr. Gemayel also referred to the plight of the Palestinian people in the absence of a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian



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problem.

On the civil war in Lebanon, Mr. Gemayel stated his hope that the summit would come out with concrete resolutions which would help bring about security and stability in the war-torn country.

"I hope that the friendly and brotherly atmosphere prevailing in the summit will be reflected on my country so that it resumes its role in serving Arab interests," Mr. Gemayel said.

He then drew attention to the

problem of the South Lebanon and called for a unified Arab stand to help implement pertinent international resolutions, so that the Lebanese government could be able to extend its authority to Israeli-occupied south. In that regard, the president added, "We should furnish the people in South Lebanon with the necessary assistance to help their steadfastness in their homeland."

President Gemayel appealed to King Hussein, in his capacity as president of the summit, and the Arab leaders present to give prominence to the Lebanese civil war, along the lines of previous resolutions and drafts addressing the problem that are still being discussed.

"I am adamant, until the last hour of my rule, to pursue efforts to bring about a solution that will preserve the integrity, sovereignty and unity of the Lebanese people," President Gemayel said.

Mr. Gemayel said he had drafted detailed studies on the shaky economic situation in his country and presented them to the summiters, calling on them to support the Lebanese economy through its financial and monetary systems.

Cables praise King's efforts in summit

AMMAN (Petra) — Public institutions in Jordan and the Arab World on Tuesday sent more cables and messages to His Majesty King Hussein, the chairman of the extraordinary Arab summit, stressing the importance of the historical meeting.

The cables also expressed gratitude for the King's efforts in convening the summit and ensuring its success.

Cables were sent to the confer-

ence from the Kuwaiti Writers Union, the Arab Institute for Forestry in Latakia, Syria, the Sudanese Farmers Union, the Chamoun family in Lebanon and participants in the seventh Arab Youth Festival currently being held Khartoum.

The cables urged the Arab leaders to come up with resolutions for facing the challenges confronting the Arab Nation.



The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa (left) consults with Ahmad Mirghani, the head of the Sudanese Presidency Council, during a Tuesday side meeting (Petra photo)

Arab leaders continue bilateral consultations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Heads of Arab delegations taking part in the extraordinary Arab summit meeting in Amman on Tuesday held several side meetings to discuss subjects reviewed by the summit.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid met with Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, emir of Kuwait, met with Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Bahraini emir, the Algerian president and Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre.

At the same time, Sultan Qaboos of Oman met with Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan, president of the United

Arab Emirates and Crown Prince Abdullah.

Mr. Benjedid also met with Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, the Qatari emir, in the presence of delegation members from both sides.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi met with President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

Sheikh Jaber called on Sheikh Issa, Crown Prince Abdullah, Mr. Benjedid and Mr. Barre in separate meetings.

Sultan Qaboos received at his place of residence Sheikh Zayed, Crown Prince Abdullah and Moroccan Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed.



Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre (left) discusses bilateral relations with the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, during a Tuesday side meeting (Petra photo)

JD 1.2 m spent on summit preparations — Rawabdeh

AMMAN (Petra) — The Greater Amman Municipality has spent JD 1.2 million on preparations for the extraordinary Arab summit meeting and the government has decided to pay these expenses directly to the contractors who undertook the preparations, according to Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh.

Mr. Rawabdeh made the announcement at a special session of the municipal council, during which a general review of the work done for the summit was made.

Mr. Rawabdeh said last month that nearly JD 1 million would be

spent on beautifying certain districts of Amman as part of preparations for the summit.

According to the mayor, the municipality has also decided to open for public traffic the newly-built tunnel at Jamal Abdul Nasser intersection, following the conclusion of the summit meeting, expected today, and will remain open until Monday evening. At that time, it will again be closed for undergoing further construction. Work on this intersection is part of a civil works project which, Mr. Rawabdeh said, should be completed by the middle of 1988.

Tunisian foreign minister rules out major policy changes in post-Bourguiba era

By Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — Tunisian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Al Mestiri Tuesday pledged more openness by the new government in dealing with political opposition in Tunisia but ruled out major changes in the government's domestic and foreign policies.

He stressed that the deposition of President Habib Bourguiba came as "a constitutional evolution" after the president was declared incapable of ruling the country. He pointed out, however, that "Bourguibism" remained the cornerstone of Tunisian politics.

He said the decision of Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali to proclaim power came after a team of doctors declared Mr. Bourguiba incapable of continuing his responsibilities as president.

Mr. Mestiri told a press conference that "there will be more political openness, dynamism and action" in Tunisia's approach to domestic and regional problems.

"We consider this a new page in Tunisia" he said, but he added that "there will be no general amnesty for political prisoners in the country. We will not allow the use of religion for political purposes and for committing crimes." However, Mr. Mestiri told reporters "the possibilities of openness are there."

The Tunisian foreign minister pointed to what he described as "preventive detention" of political activists, motivated by the government's concern for their safety, after Mr. Ben Ali's takeover, but said that the new government



Mahmoud Al Mestiri

the declaration of president-for-life, as Mr. Bourguiba had proclaimed himself.

Responding to a question, the Tunisian foreign minister stressed that the present Tunisian leader "had no political role" in crack-downs on political opposition in the country.

Reports from Tunisia quoted Hedi Bacouche, the new prime minister, as saying that the name of the fundamentalist Islamic Tendency Movement "wrongly suggests it represents the Islamic religion," and that "they will now be free to join in a peaceful political debate... under another name."

On the whereabouts of Mr. Bourguiba, Mr. Bacouche said that he was moved Monday to the residence of his choice, the presidential palace in Mornag, ten kilometres south of Tunis, where he was free to move about and receive relatives and friends.

Sudan condemns Iran's actions, calls for Egypt's return to Arab fold

AMMAN (J.T.) — The head of the Presidency Council in Sudan, Ahmad Al Mirghani, on Tuesday said that his country deplores Iran's attempts to expand the Gulf war through its repeated attacks on Kuwait.

"Sudan stands by Kuwait with all its resources and capabilities and will strive to safeguard Arab soil," Mr. Mirghani said in his address to the extraordinary summit's third closed session.

Sudan condemns Iran's perpetration of bloody riots in Mecca during this year's pilgrimage season, because they were directed against Saudi Arabia, the country that had been striving to facilitate the pilgrimage to the holy places for all Muslims, Mr. Mirghani said.

He said that Iran was continuing its escalation of aggression against Iraq by firing a rocket on a residential neighbourhood in the heart of the Iraqi capital, causing the loss of innocent lives.

Sudan views this war as an attrition of the lives and the resources of the Arab Nation, Mr. Mirghani said. He added that all these resources and efforts should be pooled together in a unified effort towards ending Israel's occupation of Palestinian land and the holy places in Jerusalem.

"The Gulf war should be stopped through political means, particularly through United Nations Security Council Resolution 598, which has been accepted by Iraq but rejected by Iran," Mr. Mirghani said.

The Arab Nation, Mr. Mirghani

the proposed conference could be removed through solidarity among Arab states.

On the question of Lebanon, Mr. Mirghani said that Sudan supports Lebanon's independence and territorial sovereignty and continues to back the Lebanese in their courageous resistance to Israel's aggression. "Sudan appeals to the people of Lebanon to end their differences and bring about national unity," Mr. Mirghani said.

"Arab security is essential, and the Arab World and its security has been weakened by the departure of Egypt from the Arab fold," Mr. Mirghani noted. He said that the departure of Egypt had encouraged the enemies of the Arabs to escalate their aggression.

The present leadership in Egypt, he said, has been showing greater solidarity with the Arab World; therefore, a formula should be worked out for Egypt's return to the Arab fold.

Sudan, Mr. Mirghani said, views strong Afro-Arab relations as a foundation for South-South cooperation based on strategic rather than financial and economic considerations.

"Afro-Arab cooperation has been hampered by Israel's infiltration of a number of African nations and its reestablishment of relations with several African countries," Mr. Mirghani said.

He said that these developments should not discourage Arab countries from taking the initiative to bolster their relations with Sub-Saharan Africa.

Anticipation and delight characterise mood of banquet hosted by King

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A mood of sheer delight and optimism added liveliness to the opulent banquet His Majesty King Hussein hosted Monday evening in honour of the Arab leaders as President Hafez Al Assad of Syria and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein sat around the main dinner table, laughing, chatting and, more importantly, reminiscing.

All eyes and ears were eagerly focused in one direction — towards the table which seated 19 Arab heads of state, each trying to get a gist of an energetic discussion going on and to figure out reasons for the genuine laughter taking place, said one of the Arab officials present during the event.

North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who according to observers, has emerged as one of the key mediating figures during the summit, was sitting in between the two leaders who, probably for the first time in eight years, ate together at the same table.

This lively atmosphere made the exclusive invitees forget the two hours of delay which preceded the dinner — a delay which was caused by a crucial backdoor meeting held between



Saddam Hussein

the two presidents in the presence of King Hussein and five other Arab leaders.

Scepticism was outweighing optimism throughout the Plaza Hotel's main lobby hall Monday evening; heavy cigarette smoke mixed with intriguing whispers and intimate discussions held by every person waiting to hear something about that meeting.

"Do you think they'll manage to reconcile?" "Will the rapprochement endure?" "Will any one of the two presidents walk out of the meeting? were just a few of the questions entertained in the discussions prevailing in the hotel's spacious entrance hall.

But that tension was broken by a tick announcing the arrival of the elevator.

President Hussein walked out from the lift with a "grim look on



Hafez Al Assad

his face." For a second, "we thought, God, the ice was not broken between the two leaders."

Five minutes later President Assad walked out from the elevator, but with a smile on his face. Relaxed looks and big smiles were all we could see on the faces of the leaders who then converged on the dinner hall.

They sat around that table; a slight feeling of discomfort disappeared after five minutes. It seemed to us that disputes might have been ironed out. The two leaders talked continuously, and all were laughing. We were heartened by this.

When the dinner was over, we could not believe what we heard: President Assad asked the Iraqi leader, "What are you doing tonight?"

Arab press notes constructive talks at summit, reaffirms optimism

AMMAN (Petra) — Newspapers throughout the Arab World on Tuesday praised the extraordinary Arab summit currently being held in Amman, stressing that the meetings and consultations between Arab leaders are taking place in a constructive and brotherly atmosphere.

The newspapers expressed optimism, and continued hopes over the recent developments, that the conference will come up with positive resolutions capable for tackling the challenges which face the Arab Nation.

In addition, the newspapers paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein for his tireless efforts towards restoring Arab solidarity in order to safeguard Arab security.

In Abu Dhabi, the Al Itihad Arabic daily said that the significant developments which took place on Monday's summit session call for optimism. It said that the Arabs had been looking so long for this glimpse of optimism and are hoping that it will serve as an impetus for further steps and constructive decisions. In its commentary, the newspaper concluded that the Amman summit will register an historical achievement if it results in reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

Al Wihdah newspaper in Abu Dhabi said that the Arab Nation is now following the right path towards patching up differences and solving regional disputes. It said that the prospect of the formation of a special committee, comprising leaders of Arab states, to be charged with working out a plan for ending the Iran-Iraq war reaffirms that there is a strong Arab will to deal with the great challenges facing the Arab Nation.

In the Qatari capital of Doha, the Arabic daily Al Raya praised the constructive spirit which dominated the conference's deliberations, noting that the Arab leaders seemed to be surpassing some of their differences.

The Gulf Times newspaper expressed optimism that the summit will come up with constructive results and called on the Arab leaders to take clear and direct resolutions capable of countering the dangers threatening the Arab World.

In Bahrain, the Gulf News praised the efforts made by King Hussein, saying that these efforts would be crowned by successful resolutions at the Amman summit.

The Saudi daily Al Youm said that the Amman summit represents an historical opportunity for burying differences, uniting Arab ranks and standing firmly in the face of the enemies conspiring and plotting against the Arab Nation.

In Damascus, the Arabic daily Tishrin said in a commentary that Arab leaders are now assembled in an extraordinary summit to shoulder their pan-Arab responsibility for finding remedies for the ills of the nation.

It expressed confidence that the Arab leaders will live up to the expectations and achieve the aspirations of the Arab people.

Kuwait's Arabic daily, Al Ra'i Al Aam, said in an editorial that the Iranian rocket launched on Baghdad on the eve of the official opening of the summit should serve as a message to the entire Arab Nation, telling them that Iran has opted for an escalation of the war.

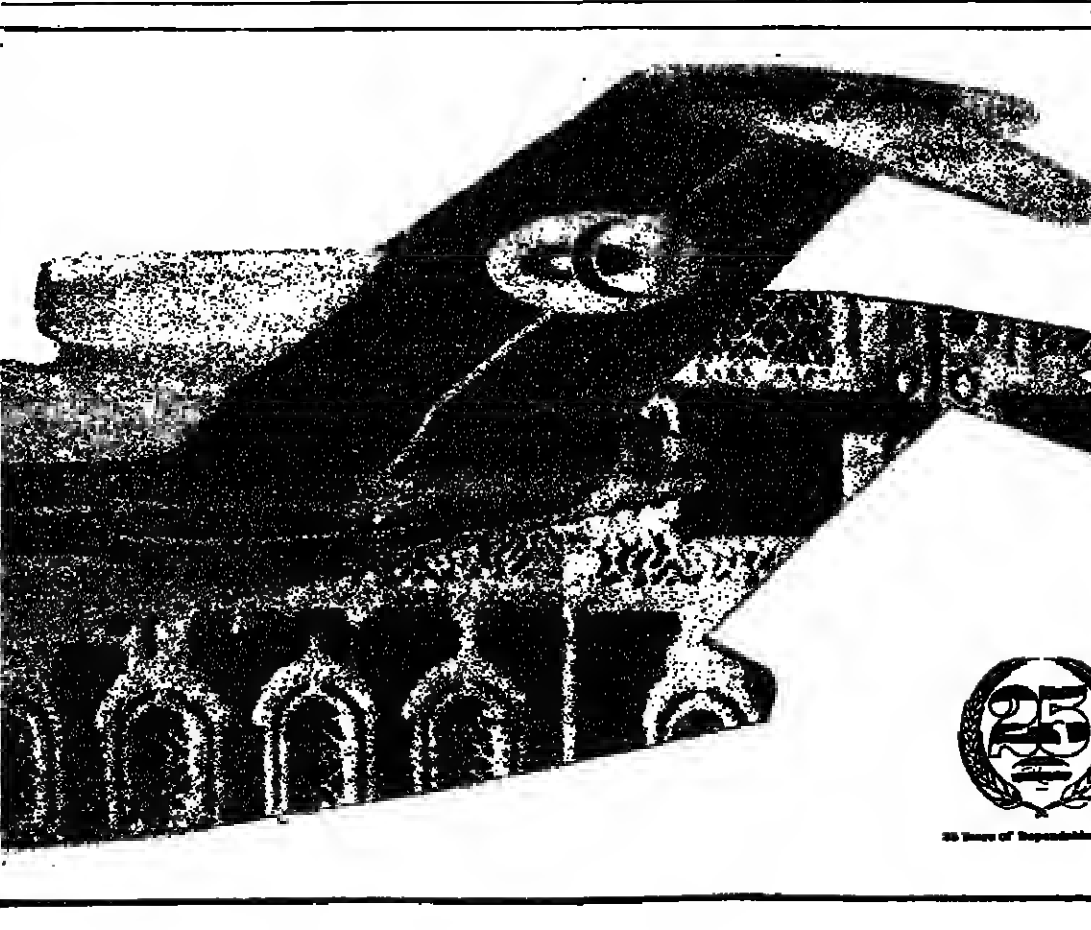
The newspaper noted that the Iranian danger and the Israeli

threat converge at the same point and have the same objective; that is, to spoil any opportunity for rapprochement among the Arabs.

In South Yemen, the Arabic daily Al Thawrah said in a commentary that Arabs pin great hope on the Amman summit, where Arab leaders are now meeting to diagnose Arab ills and reasons for the weak Arab position. It added that it was the Arab leaders' duty to bury their differences and to unite their stands to confront the dangers facing the whole Arab Nation.

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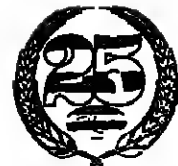
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Turning point

BRIGHTER and more encouraging news continued to emerge from the corridors of the Arab summit conference yesterday. The broad smile seen on His Majesty King Hussein's face while he chaired yesterday's third closed session of the heads of delegations spoke a million words. This, along with the statements made by other Arab officials and sources and information available about the deliberations, gave us every reason to hope that the extraordinary conference would indeed end up as the summit of Arab accord and harmony.

Much work and tremendous efforts were still likely to be needed for the Arab leaders to emerge triumphant from their marathon talks over the past three days. But this was only natural in view of the gravity of the pre-summit situation and the complexity of the issues that have been tackled in Amman.

The important thing is that progress has been made towards dissolving, or at least narrowing, inter-Arab differences over the issues that have been dividing us and sapping our strength. What this progress will finally mean in the way of practical resolutions and the decisions when the summit ends today, it is premature to say. Soon enough, we will know. For now, the hope is that this extraordinary summit will have been able to put collective Arab action back on track, and that, in the process, it will have managed to reverse the slide in joint Arab work.

In fact, we harbour more than hope in the successful conclusion of this extraordinary meeting of leaders representing all Arab League member states. Watching our leaders rise to the challenge, first by converging on Amman in uncertainty but in strength, and then exerting every sincere effort to effect reconciliation and achieve results, gives us new confidence that, no matter what the difficulties are, the Arab Nation can and will survive. With confidence restored, this nation will not only survive, but also go from strength to strength, with each passing day.

If the Amman summit manages to halt the deterioration of past years, it will surely succeed in restoring collective action to a level upon which we can build. In this, the summit will be a turning point and a landmark in modern Arab history and beyond.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Optimism prevails at summit

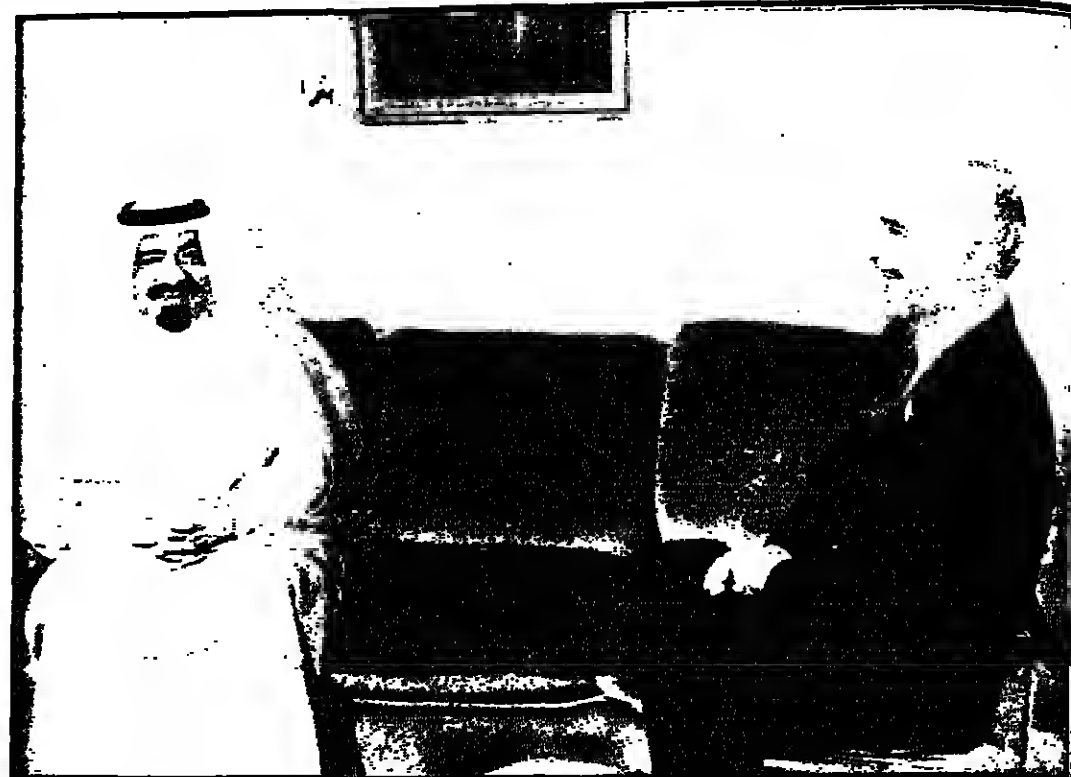
WHAT Prince Hassan announced to the press on Monday about the Arab leaders' meetings created an atmosphere of optimism which, it is hoped, will be translated into delightful news for the Arab Nation. In his speech, there were words indicating that the summit has gone some way towards achieving its objectives and that favourable atmosphere prevailed during the sessions. The conference's official spokesman Taher Al Masri echoed these words by informing the journalists that the leaders had tackled the major problems that confront the Arab World and that they displayed a high sense of responsibility and determination to arrive at solutions. This step is no doubt needed to open the door for total consensus. These statements, which followed the Arab leaders' official meeting and the side meetings, make us feel that all those dreams about Arab concord and harmony are gradually being transformed into reality. We have been striving to arrive at harmony and unified ranks between Arab countries in view of the serious challenges the Arab Nation has been confronting over the past years. We have been waiting for the Arab leaders to arrive at agreement on handling these affairs and finding solutions for chronic problems. Arriving at a unified stand serves as an initial step, paving the ground for a second step which requires the Arab countries to display practical action, leading to salvation. Once agreement has been reached then all Arab countries will have to devote their efforts for regaining all parts of the occupied Arab territory. This is the hope and the aspiration of all Arab masses in their various countries, and this is an essential task to be undertaken by the leaders now meeting in the extraordinary summit in Amman. Once this step is agreed on then the summit will be considered a success.

Al Dustour: King diagnoses nation's ills

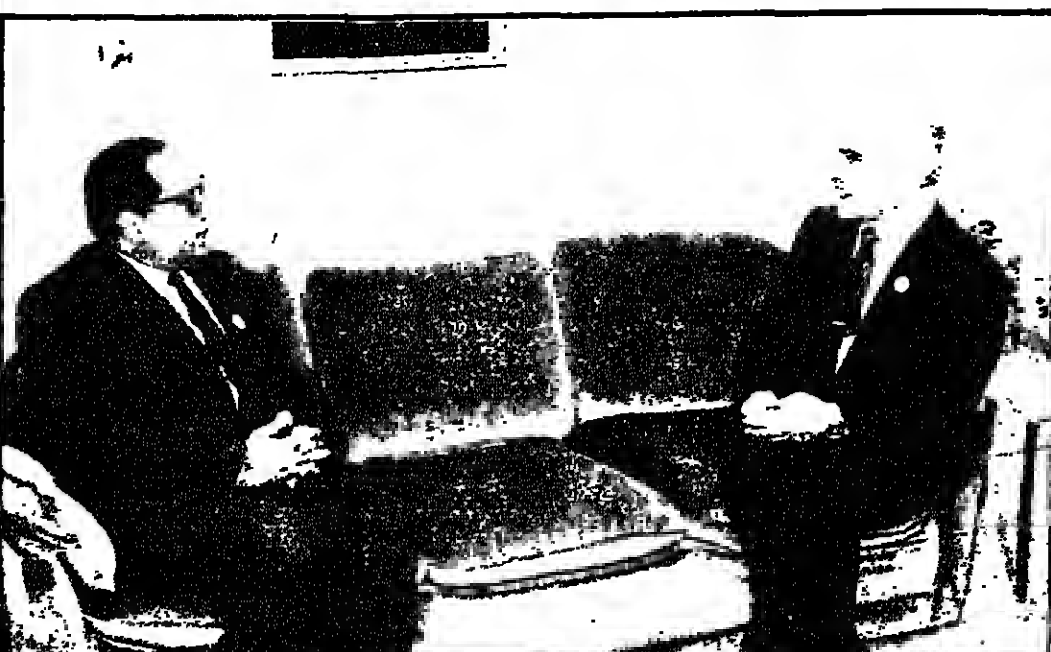
KING Hussein addressed the Arab leaders at a closed session of the extraordinary summit meeting being held in Amman, emphasising the need for diagnosing the causes of weakness and retrogression in the Arab World. This diagnosis, he said, is needed before agreement can be reached on means of dealing with all elements that caused paralysis in collective Arab action. The King pinpointed the reasons that prevent an all out agreement by all Arab leaders on definite stands vis-a-vis the major problems that they face. He said that bilateral disputes and differing views of the past have impeded the arrival at a consensus. The most dangerous threats posed to the Arabs at present are: The Gulf war and the Arab-Israeli conflict, both of which look similar and require similar concerted efforts and stands. In referring to the conflict with Israel the King said that it is going through stages requiring continued consultations; and in reference to the Gulf the monarch said that the conflict there has spilled over to other Arab states, Israel and Iran, according to the King's speech, have their own ambitions which they seek to achieve through aggression on the Arab homeland; and both are pursuing their objectives through war and aggression on the Arab countries. For this reason the King asked the Arab leaders in the summit to arrive at a clear cut resolution that can reflect the will of the Arab Nation and its determination to end the Gulf war and put an end to the enemy's greed. He also said that implementation of the summit's resolutions can determine the credibility and the strength of the Arab Nation. The King urged the Arab leaders to rid themselves of the past residues and impulsive attitudes, and live up to the expectations and the aspirations of the Arab masses by opting for accord and harmony.



His Majesty receives Bahraini Emir Sheikh Issa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa on Tuesday.



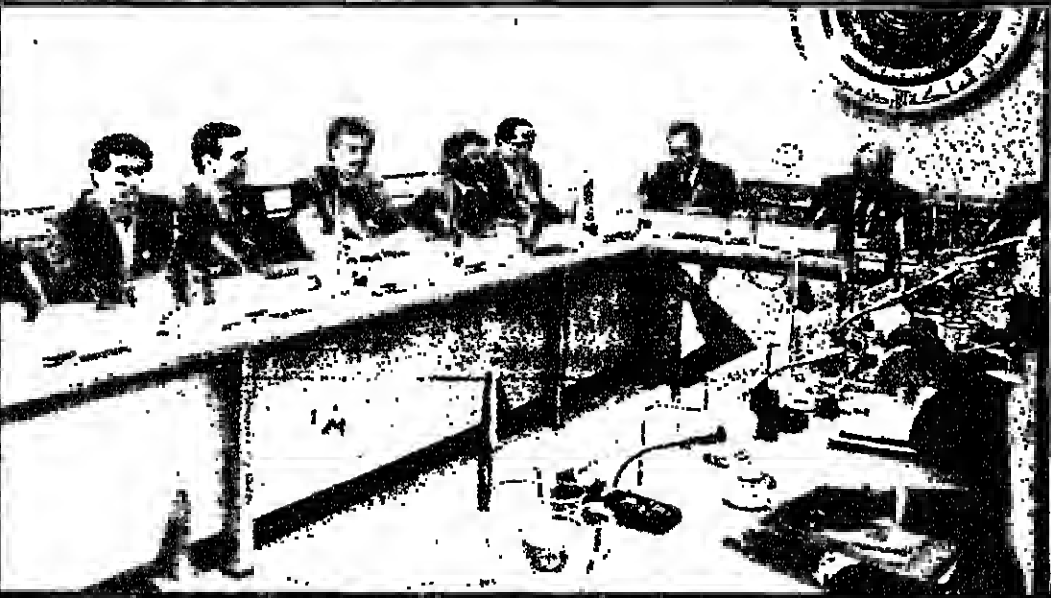
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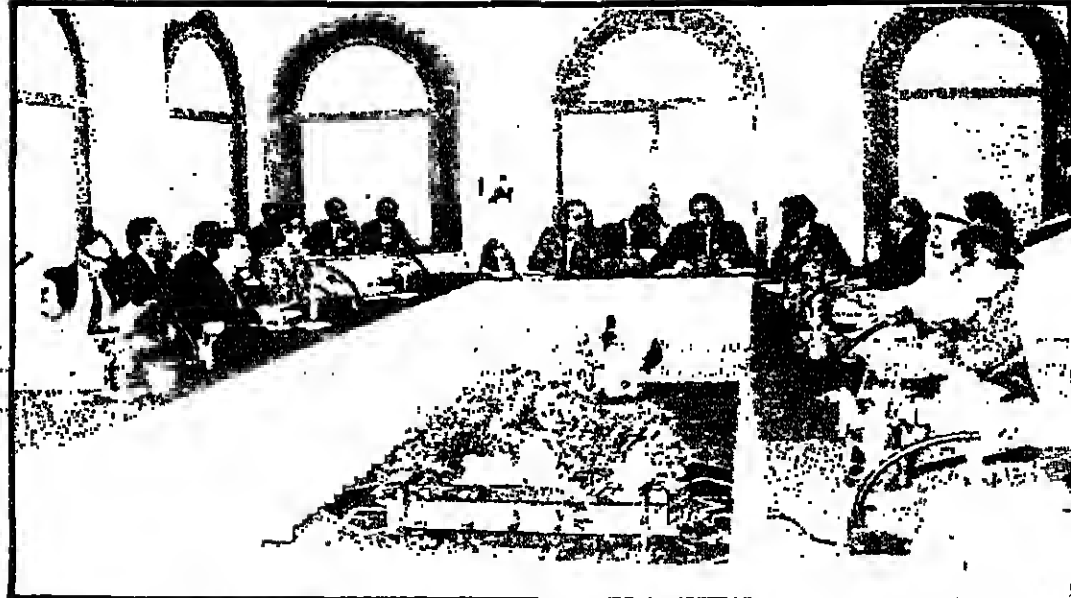
His Majesty the King confers with South Yemeni President Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas



Sultan Qaboos of Oman confers with Moroccan Crown Prince Sidi Mohammad



Arab leaders in closed session on Tuesday



The special committee entrusted with drafting resolutions at work on Tuesday

Ramadan hopes for Syrian endorsement of resolution in support of Iraqi stand

(Continued from page 1)

Iraq had detected "a change in the Syrian position right from the outset of the summit (and) this change became clearer as the proceedings (of the summit) continued."

A special panel of Arab foreign ministers entrusted with drafting summit resolutions started its work on Tuesday. Arab officials said the Syrian representative in the committee was arguing against the inclusion of an Arab endorsement of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 in its original form and was seeking some alterations in the draft document.

However, Mr. Ramadan said Iraq feels that Damascus "was trying to draw closer to Arab consensus on the issue."

The future of efforts to normalise relations between Syria and Iraq will heavily depend on Syria's willingness to "endorse a good resolution at this summit and its practical deeds on the (Gulf) war following the summit," Mr. Ramadan said.

According to Mr. Ramadan, the "minimum" that Iraq will accept from the summit "is a resolution which includes a mechanism for its implementation and practical moves to stop the war."

"The resolution should also define the Arab position and steps that should be adopted in the event of any future Iranian aggression or continued Iranian attacks on Iraq."

Asked if that implies an Arab commitment to the Arab Joint Defence Pact, Mr. Ramadan said: "In fact, a commitment to the Joint Arab Defence Pact should constitute the essence of any effective resolution... otherwise what is the use of any resolution?"

He explained that in Iraq's view a reactivation of the Arab countries' commitment to the pact will not only imply that Arab countries should stop providing Iran with weapons "but also dictates that Arab countries should take a clear stand."

"We can no longer accept that

Arab countries take an observer status. It is high time all Arab governments took side with Iraq," he said.

Asked if that also implied that Arab countries should supply Iraq with weapons and send troops, Mr. Ramadan replied: "The pact provides that each Arab country can help the country which is being attacked in accordance with each one's capabilities and potential."

But the Iraqi leader stressed that his country was more concerned with a unified Arab stand behind Baghdad and the reactivation of the pact would provide the best practical manifestation of the Arab position.

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"Thus a unanimous resolution would undermine Tehran's argument at home and could even contribute to bringing about changes in Iran," he said.

The Iraqi leader said if the summit succeeded in endorsing the aspired resolution the Arab countries should start an international campaign to influence the positions of the U.S. and the Soviet Union prior to the Dec. 7 superpower summit in Washington.

"Therefore, we have suggested the formation of a committee, headed by an Arab leader and

including members of the committee drafting the resolutions, to visit Washington and Moscow to rally support for the Arab stand," he said. Mr. Ramadan said that His Majesty King Hussein was the best Arab leader to head such a delegation.

Mr. Ramadan warned that the summit "will be a failure if it failed to endorse such a resolution with practical steps... which constitute the minimum that Iraq is ready to accept."

Asked about Iraq's reaction if the summit fell short of its "minimum expectations," the Iraqi

leader said: "Iraq will then reject any resolution which is less than minimum that could be accepted and will urge the Arab leaders to announce that the summit has failed to agree on a unified stand on the Iran-Iraq war."

In such an event, he continued, Iraq will continue fighting but will not reconsider its relations with any Arab country: "Relations with Arab countries are a national issue that cannot be easily affected. We only sever relations with another country when (its actions) reach the point of treason," he said.

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Iraq reports raid on ship

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi fighter-bombers hit a "large naval target," which usually means a tanker, off Iran's Gulf coast Tuesday, the second ship reported hit in as many days, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

INA quoted a military spokesman as saying that the warplanes scored "effective and accurate hits" on the unidentified vessel at 10:35 a.m. (0735 GMT).

There was no immediate independent confirmation of the Iraqi report.

Iraq also said another "large naval target" was hit by its air force Monday. There has been no independent confirmation of that either.

But Iraqi warplanes usually strike in the northern waters of the Gulf, making it difficult to verify claims with shipping and salvage sources based in the southern end of the strategic waterway.

Iraq has intensified air raids on Iran's vital oil installations and tankers since late August in a sustained effort to choke off Tehran's vital oil exports that pay for its war effort in the 7-year-old conflict with Iraq.

The air raids came after Iraq threatened Iran with "mass destruction" to avenge a missile attack on Baghdad Sunday that killed 11 women and children and wounded 105 civilians, many of them children.

Iraq said its jets also bombed the Maroun oilfields in southwest Iran Monday and flew 98 combat missions against Iranian positions along the 1,180-kilometre front line.

In Amman, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said on Monday Iran was preparing to launch a new offensive against Iraq in the Gulf war.

"It is clear to us Iran is trying to make a big attack. It can be expected at any time," he told

reporters. Diplomats in Iraq had previously said there were signs Iran was preparing to launch a major ground offensive against the southern city of Basra.

Mr. Aziz said that as long as Tehran refused to accept a U.N. ordered ceasefire, Iraq would continue to bomb Iranian military and economic installations but would spare civilian targets.

"We will continue to hit Iranian military installations and other installations that help the war effort," he said.

He said recent Iranian missile strikes on Baghdad were designed to disrupt United Nations efforts to end the war.

Iraq said on Tuesday its planes bombed a military garrison in north Iraq while its long-range artillery pounded "economic targets" and Iraqi troop concentrations along the battlefield.



Seyni Kountche

Niger president dies; army chief assumes power

PARIS (Agencies) — Niger President Seyni Kountche died Tuesday in a Paris hospital, the same day he was replaced for health reasons by his army chief of staff, French sources said. He was 56.

Mr. Kountche had been flown to Paris a half-dozen times in the past 10 months for medical reasons, although there has been no official explanation of the nature of his illness. The French news agency, Agence France-Presse, citing a variety of sources, said he had been suffering from a brain tumour.

Official Niger Radio reported earlier Tuesday that army chief of staff Colonel Ali Saibou had taken control of the government because of the "very worrisome health" problems of the head of state.

The broadcast, monitored in Abidjan, said the nation's supreme military council had made the decision which would be in effect "until further notice."

Col. Saibou is a cousin of Mr. Kountche.

The radio said the decision to name an interim head of state was taken by members of the Supreme Military Council (SMC), which has ruled the impoverished former French colony since Mr. Kountche seized power in a coup in 1974.

Mr. Kountche came to power in a 1974 military coup. In June, voters approved a referendum on a national charter, a sort of pre-constitution document outlining national goals and objectives. It was to serve as the model of a new constitution to replace the one suspended in 1974.

Israeli settlers open fire on Arab students ; 17-year-old girl killed

DEIR AL BALAH, occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli settlers shot dead a 17-year-old Palestinian schoolgirl in the occupied Gaza Strip on Tuesday during anti-Israeli Arab demonstrations.

About 400 students clashed with Israeli army troops during a violent demonstration at the Islamic University, 15 kilometres to the north in Gaza City. Arabs at a United Nations building near the campus said soldiers used tear-gas and fired shots in the air.

Israeli and Palestinian officials linked the Arab protests to the Arab Summit underway in Amman.

The Palestine Press Service initially reported three Palestinians wounded by army gunfire at the university, one seriously. But army spokesmen and Arab students at the scene said no one was injured.

The dead high school girl was identified as Intissar Al Aatar, a senior at the Sukineh Bint Al

Hussein Girls' High School and one of nine children.

Police said they detained six settlers for questioning. Settlers claimed they only fired warning shots in the air and suggested to reporters the girl may have been killed by a "stray" round.

The incident, the latest in a spate of shootings of unarmed Palestinian demonstrators by Israeli occupation forces or settlers, sparked further protests in the teeming coastal strip.

Witnesses quoted by Reuters said Aatar was shot outside her high school in the Deir Al Balah refugee camp. She died on arrival at Shifa hospital in Gaza City.

Troops later used tear-gas and fired in the air to disperse hundreds of protesting students carrying a Palestinian flag outside the Islamic University, the witnesses added.

A Palestinian who works in a nearby plant nursery said about 200 girls and boys were demonstrating outside the school, throwing stones at cars with Israeli plates.

"One (Israeli) man stopped, he got out of the car, entered the school and opened fire," said the Palestinian, who refused to give his name saying he feared reprisals.

The Palestinian said the man used a pistol. Israeli army radio said the girl was killed by a bullet fired from a pistol rather than an assault rifle which is normally carried by a soldier.

At the Al Aatar home in Deir Al Balah, about 30 women dressed in black surrounded the weeping mother.

"She was the best girl I had," said the girl's father, Abdullah Salam Aatar, a truck driver who said he had hoped she would go to college.

A cousin told a reporter the family was told settlers had fired into the demonstrating students. He refused to give his name.

At least nine other Palestinians have been killed in clashes with Israeli soldiers this year.

On Monday, Israeli troops shot and wounded a Palestinian protester during a demonstration at Balata, the largest refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

Dozens of protesters hurled stones at troops and passing Israeli vehicles, breaking the windows of a bus. Troops responded with tear-gas and rubber bullets, the army said.

When the demonstration continued, a soldier opened fire and wounded one of the protesters. Balata, a camp of more than 12,000 residents near Nablus, is the site of frequent Palestinian protests.

The camp was put under curfew on Sunday after demonstrations that Israeli and Palestinian sources said were to mark the opening of Amman summit.

Reagan: U.S. remains ready to push for peace in Mideast

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan told Israeli President Chaim Herzog on Tuesday the United States remained undeterred in its quest for a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Welcoming Mr. Herzog to the White House at the start of the first U.S. state visit by an Israeli president, Mr. Reagan said the goal of a Middle East peace would be realised "when people of goodwill from all sides find a way to bridge a crevasse of hatred and distrust."

He added: "The United States is ready as ever to help build that bridge."

Mr. Reagan said the United States believed Israel could be secure and realise its full potential only when security and lasting peace were achieved.

"The United States remains undeterred in the quest for such a peace, a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict that would assure the security and well-being of the people of Israel and its Arab neighbours," he said.

Although Mr. Reagan said the United States was encouraged by progress made towards a settlement, the peace process has long been stalled, Secretary of State

George Shultz found no openings for new progress on a trip to the region last month.

The Israeli government is split on how to proceed, with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of the Likud coalition taking a harder line than Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the Labour Party.

Mr. Herzog, whose post is largely ceremonial, said Israel was making "every effort to achieve peace."

He told Mr. Reagan that Israel "is prepared to move forward with your involvement to a further phase of 'peace efforts.'"

Moscow denies change in stand over Mideast peace conference

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet official denied Tuesday that the Kremlin had changed its stance on a Mideast peace conference.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir F. Petrovsky, speaking at a government news briefing, said Western news reports that the Soviet Union had changed its position on the talks were "totally groundless."

The Soviet Union and the Arabs have called for an international conference on the Middle East in which the Soviets and Americans would play active roles in devising a formula for an Arab-Israeli settlement.

In Washington, an Israeli official claimed Monday the Soviets

had dropped their demand that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) be allowed to send a separate delegation to the proposed talks.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Palestinians would be mixed in with Jordanians for the negotiations — an arrangement that is considered acceptable by the United States.

The Israeli official said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze relayed the change in Moscow's position at a meeting in New York with Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in September.

Mr. Petrovsky, asked to com-

ment on the report, said: "The Soviet Union's stance is unequivocal — we have favoured and continue to favour the convocation of an international conference on the Middle East."

Without proper representation of the Palestinians, it is impossible to secure the settlement of the Middle East problem," Mr. Petrovsky continued.

"In handling the issue of Palestinian representation, it is necessary to take into account the opinion of people."

PLO leader Yasser Arafat visited Moscow last week in connection with the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Catholics join Protestants to mourn victims of IRA bomb

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP) — More than 1,000 Protestants and Roman Catholics attended the funeral Tuesday of the first of the 11 victims of an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombing.

Enniskillen closed its schools and businesses for the day to mourn the three victims being buried Tuesday. Police and troops imposed strict security on this hilly town of 13,000 people in the west of Northern Ireland.

Though all the dead were Protestants, the town's Catholics joined the cortege by the hundreds for the first funeral, that of nurse Marie Wilson, 20. Several Catholic priests also attended the funeral service in the Methodist church.

As over 1,000 mourners followed the cortege from the hill-top church to the Methodist cemetery, several approached journalists to urge they report the procession was entirely ecumenical and that Catholics and Protestants were about equally represented.

As Miss Wilson's burial took place under gray and windy skies, a police band was heard in the distance playing a dirge for police reservist Ted Armstrong, 52, who was on sick leave when he was killed. Armstrong was buried from Enniskillen's Presbyterian church, with full police honours.

At the third funeral, for retired policeman Samuel Gault, 49, the Rev. John McCarthy denounced the IRA and its legal political wing, Sinn Fein, which has elected members on the district council.

The funerals took place after work crews cleared away the last debris and dust from Sunday's blast that collapsed the community centre beside which the victims had gathered to await a war-memorial service.

Soviets say ban on chemical weapons should be priority after INF accord

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union urged the United States on Tuesday to make a global chemical weapons ban a top disarmament priority after the superpowers sign a treaty at next month's summit scrapping medium-range nuclear missiles.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told a news conference fresh proposals from Moscow made it realistic to expect that a ban could be agreed in the first half of 1988.

But he said the United States, while publicly expressing readiness to eliminate chemical weapons, was embarking on a programme to produce new binary toxic arms which would torpedo a convention and encourage the proliferation of such weapons.

PLO fighters evacuate positions on Sidon hills

BEIRUT (AP) — Palestinian fighters have pulled out of hills in South Lebanon after Amal militiamen allowed building materials into west Beirut's war-ravaged refugee camps for the first time in 2½ years.

The Amal militia, which has been besieging the camps since May 1985, said the move was "a goodwill gesture" by its leader, Justice Minister Nabih Berri, after the shantytowns were flooded by heavy rains.

Mr. Berri and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) reached an agreement in Algiers last week on mechanisms to disengage their forces and end the so-called "camps war."

Eight truckloads of cement and other materials entered the Shatila and Bourj Al Barajneh camps, both badly battered in the intermittent fighting between the Syrian-backed Amal and Palestinian fighters.

As the trucks were being un-

loaded, the PLO announced the withdrawal of one of its battalions from strategic hills overlooking the southern port city of Sidon. "As a goodwill gesture and in accordance with the Algiers agreement, we have decided to withdraw one of our battalions from east of Sidon back into the refugee camps," a PLO statement said.

An estimated 85 per cent of the shanties in Shatila are damaged. Many of the cement-block houses are roofless. The sprawling Bourj Al Barajneh camp also sustained severe damage.

PLO fighters broke out of refugee camps on Sidon's outskirts last November and wrested control of the highlands from Amal fighters.

Their withdrawal from the bluffs has been a major Amal demand for ending the war for control of the camps in Beirut and South Lebanon.

arms where toxic effect comes only when two chemicals in a warhead are mixed.

Mr. Petrovsky said Moscow wanted the summit between Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan in Washington from Dec. 7 to be part of a continuing process towards total disarmament by the year 2000.

After the two leaders had signed the agreement on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF), he said, they should give priority to halving strategic arms and agreeing to keep the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, which would curb Mr. Reagan's "Star Wars" programme.

"Priority should also be given to banning chemical weapons," he said.

U.S. House of Representatives joins call against U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives has overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution that calls upon the U.S. government to work to overturn a 12-year-old United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Voting 394 to 0, the House of Representatives on Monday endorsed a non-binding resolution already passed by the Senate that says the U.N. resolution of Nov. 10, 1975, exacerbates anti-Semitism and hampers Middle East peace efforts.

The U.N. resolution declared that Zionism "is a form of racism and racial discrimination." It passed over the objections of the United States.

The vote at the House of Representatives came on the eve of a visit to the U.S. by Israeli President Chaim Herzog.

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Kasparov takes lead in world title chess battle

SEVILLE, Spain (R) — Reigning world chess champion Garry Kasparov took the lead for the first time in his title defence against challenger Anatoly Karpov with a win in the 11th game on Tuesday.

Kasparov, 24, forced his rival's resignation after 50 moves. The second session of the game took only nine moves and 15 minutes of play.

Kasparov now leads the contest by a score of 6-5 with three wins, two losses and six draws.

The result was viewed by experts as a potentially crushing defeat for the 36-year-old former champion who blundered away a favourable position in the first

session on Monday.

Dutch grandmaster Gennadi Sosonko, commenting on Karpov's error said "the party's over," explaining that such a reversal is usually fatal for a player's confidence.

Sosonko felt that Karpov resumed play to see which move Kasparov had sealed at the adjournment on Monday.

Grandmasters considered Kasparov's position to be winning

overnight and predicted Kasparov's sealed move, which was judged to be best.

The spectators in the Lope de Vega theatre greeted the result with polite applause and gave Kasparov an additional ovation as he left the stage.

Victory in the match, scheduled for 24 games, will go to the first man to win six games or total 12½ points.

Kasparov, as the champion, has the advantage of retaining his title in the event of a 12-12 tie.

The 12th game, with Kasparov having the advantage of the white pieces, is scheduled for Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. (1530 GMT).

Dutch towns reject soccer match

ROTTERDAM (R) — A second-round Dutch Football Association Cup match due to be played this weekend is without a venue after the towns involved banned it for fear of crowd trouble.

A Rotterdam Town Hall spokesman said on Tuesday. The mayor of the small town of Oss cancelled the home match between a local amateur side and First Division Feyenoord of Rotterdam and failed to persuade Rotterdam to stage it instead.

The mayor made the decision after an Oss resident was arrested for throwing a firework at last month's European Championship qualifying match between the Netherlands and Cyprus, while Rotterdam rejected the match because of a shortage of policemen, the spokesman said.

The firework injured Cyprus goalkeeper Andreas Charriot, stopped play for one hour and threw Dutch qualification for next year's championship finals into doubt.

A spokesman for the Dutch Football Association said officials had not yet decided what to do with the cup match.



Ian Rush

Injury-hit Wales poised to perform without Rush

PRAGUE (R) — Injury-plagued Wales could be without the fully-fit services of striker Ian Rush for their decisive European Championship Group VI qualifying tie against Czechoslovakia here on Wednesday.

Rush, who has been playing for his Italian club Juventus only with the aid of pain-killing injections in recent weeks, has an ankle injury and has been ordered not to kick a ball in training.

But the striker, whose deadly finishing skills are badly needed if Wales are to pull off the win they need to overhaul group leaders Denmark and clinch a place in the finals, said he is prepared to have another injection if necessary before lining up alongside

Mark Hughes in the Welsh attack.

"I have told Juventus I will have no more pain-killers," he said. "They can make things worse in the long term. But I am prepared to have a jab tomorrow, if necessary, because the match is so important for Wales. After that, though... never again."

Wales, second in the group behind Denmark, must win to go through to the finals in West Germany with a superior goal difference.

"Wales will have to fight hard if they want to qualify and we're going to make it as tough as we can for them," said Czechoslovakia coach Josef Masopust.

3 British soccer teams clash as European qualifying rounds near

LONDON (AP) — Three British teams play crucial matches Wednesday as qualifying rounds for next summer's European Soccer Championships near the final stage.

England, unbeaten and unscathed upon in five matches so far, can wrap up a spot in the last eight from group four with a victory or draw against second-place Yugoslavia in Belgrade.

Wales, battling history and injuries, tries to beat Czechoslovakia in a group six match in Prague and overtake front-running Denmark.

And Scotland, out of contention itself, attempts to upset Bulgaria in Sofia. A draw of home-team victory would lift the Bulgarians past Ireland and clinch the berth from group seven, but a Scottish victory would hand the final spot to the Irish.

The fourth British squad, from Northern Ireland, hosts Turkey in a match of group four also.

Other matches, none of them having any bearing on group championships, pit Portugal against Switzerland at Porto in Group II; Cyprus against Poland at Limassol in Group V; and Belgium against Luxembourg at Brussels in Group VII.

The seven group winners, along with host West Germany, qualify for the finals next June 10-25. The Soviet Union already has clinched Group III.

England is one of three undefeated teams, along with the Soviets and The Netherlands, but has a major hurdle to overcome before making sure it will play in West Germany next summer.

A 2-0 winner at home against the Yugoslavs earlier this year, the English team would see its lead cut to one point by a loss. Yugoslavia then could win the group by beating Turkey next month.

While statistics — they have outscored opponents 18-0 — are on their side, history is against the English. They have never won in Belgrade, losing three times and tying twice, and the Yugoslavs are coming off an impressive 3-0 victory over Northern Ireland in Sarajevo.

"If we repeat our performance against Northern Ireland, England stands no chance," said Yugoslav striker Fadilj Vokri, who scored twice in that victory. Yugoslavia also is bolstered by striker Milan Jankovic, recalled from Real Madrid.

The English, however, are aiming for the finals.

"We did not come here to lose, but to take at least one point," England manager Bobby Robson said.

To try to gain a psychological edge, Robson said he would not announce his starting team until just before the match. Robson's side is bolstered by an unprecedented decision by the English Football League (FL) to reschedule matches from last Saturday involving members of the national team.

Wales is unhappy because its players did not get similar treatment from the English League. Like England, the Welsh have history against them, having never even drawn against Czechoslovakia in Prague.

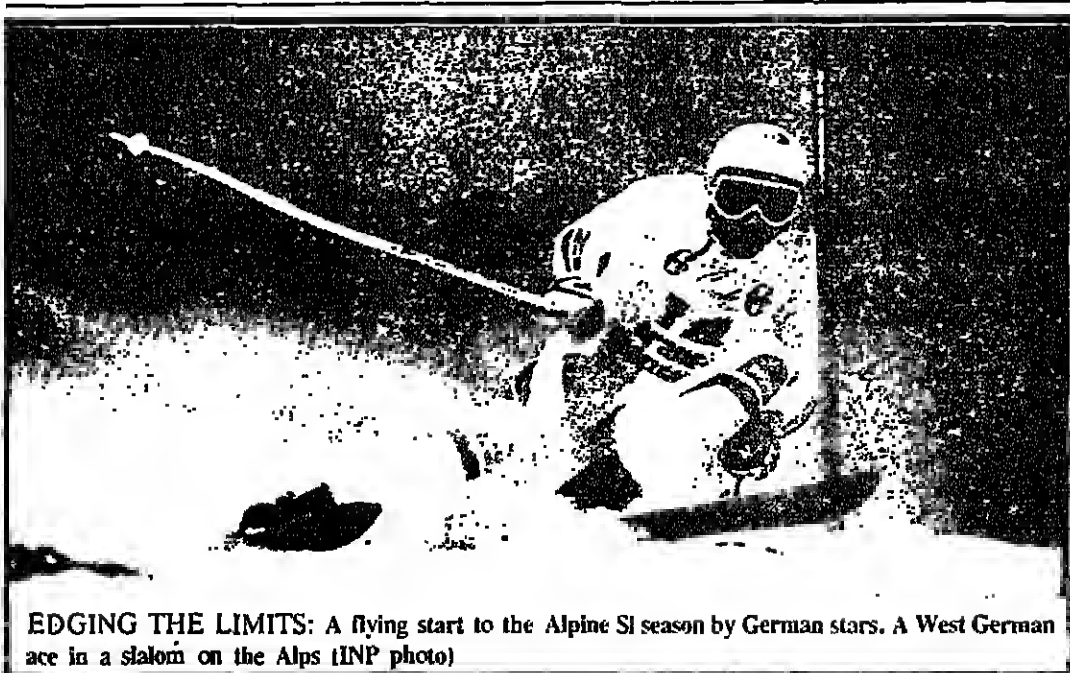
In addition, Wales has several key players injured, including striker Ian Rush, who skipped practice this week with an ankle injury.

Czechoslovakia is out of the running, following a 3-0 loss to Finland, but knows it can still play an important role.

"We shall be playing for the prestige and future of our soccer — and be assured it's all the same to us whether Denmark or Wales advances," said midfielder Ivan Hasek, who pronounced himself "100 per cent fit" for the first time in weeks.

In Sofia, Bulgaria needs only a draw to make sure of a spot in the final rounds, while the Scots are long eliminated from the chase. But like the Czechoslovaks, Scotland is out to salvage some prestige.

"Scotland don't play friendlies," manager Andy Roxburgh said.



EDGING THE LIMITS: A flying start to the Alpine SI season by German stars. A West German ace in a slalom on the Alps (INP photo)

Baseball league players file for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Schmidt and Cal Ripken Jr. are staying put while Jack Morris, Dave Righetti and Mike Witt can start seeing how free the free-agent market will be.

A total of 76 players filed for free agency with 18 of them, including Juan Berenguer, Frank Tanana and Jose Cruz, declaring Monday before a midnight deadline.

Starting Tuesday, free agents can negotiate with any team. Charlie Leibrandt, Dave Smith, Chili Davis, Bryn Smith and

Brett Butler are among those who could also switch places.

Last year, 79 players became free agents but Andre Dawson and Lance Parrish were the only prominent ones to change teams before the season started. Since then, an arbitrator ruled baseball owners illegally conspired to restrict free-agent movement in 1985, although no penalty has been set.

Another grievance alleging owners' collusion on free agents last winter is in the hearing stage. "I'm not adverse to going in," said New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, a frequent participant in past free-agent

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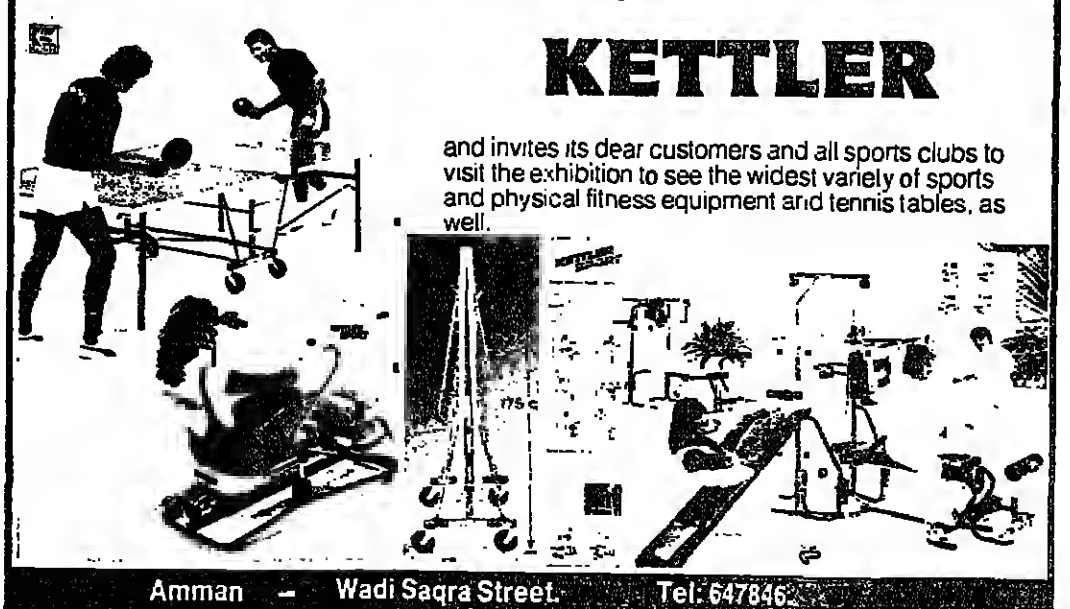
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Dancing Brave reported 'very ill'

NEWMARKET, England (AP) — Dancing Brave, 1986 European horse of the year, has been struck by a mysterious ailment that has produced lameness in at least two of his legs, authorities said Tuesday. The horse, syndicated at Dalham Hall stud for more than £14 million (\$25 million) earlier this year, was being treated with antibiotics and undergoing further tests, according to farm manager Robert Acton. "Last week, Dancing Brave developed an unusual, changing lameness, and on Nov. 7 showed a limb discomfort and a raised temperature," Acton said. "Since then, the horse's condition has deteriorated a little." "Antibiotic treatment is being given and results of further tests are awaited, which will assist in diagnosis. The worrying aspect is not knowing what is wrong with him. The lameness is in more than one leg."

Dancing Brave raced 10 times in his career, winning eight of those outings including last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris. His last race was a disappointing showing in the Breeders Cup Turf in California last November, where he finished far behind the leaders.

'Fitzgerald broke neck in crash'

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — A medical examiner determined Monday that Jim Fitzgerald, winningest driver in sports car club of America history, died of broken neck when he crashed his car during the St. Petersburg Grand Prix. Fitzgerald, a racing partner of actor Paul Newman, smashed a Nissan 300ZX turbo into a concrete barrier on the third lap of Sunday's 100-mile (160-km) Trans Am race on a downtown street course. The coroner's office said Fitzgerald, 65, died instantly of a broken neck. An autopsy performed by associate medical examiner Dr. John C. Gallagher found no evidence of a heart problem, spokesman Larry Bedore said.

Ban lifted on Everton-Rangers match

MANCHESTER, England (R) — A ban on a match in Dubai between English and Scottish League champions Everton and Glasgow Rangers next month was lifted on Tuesday by the English Football League. Officials originally banned the Dec. 7 match because Rangers pulled out of a game against Everton in Manchester which was to have been a highlight of the league's centenary celebrations this year. Everton lodged an appeal and the league reversed the decision after a lengthy meeting. Rangers say they pulled out of the Manchester fixture after a police warning about the possibility of crowd trouble.

Cuban claims world diving record

HAVANA (R) — A 25-year-old Cuban set a world record for the deepest dive without the use of oxygen tanks or weights, the Cuban national news agency AIN reported. It said Francisco Herrera descended 67 metres into the Caribbean off the island of Cayo Largo on Sunday and remained submerged for more than two minutes. It said the previous record was held by Stefano Makula, an Italian, of 66 metres.

English star returns to South Africa

LONDON (AP) — English cricket star Alan Lamb said Tuesday he was ready to play this winter in South Africa, even though that could jeopardise his international test career. Returning from India, where he helped England make the final of the World Cup, Lamb said he had received permission from the Marylebone Cricket Club, which oversees the sport here, to play for the Orange Free State. "Everything's ok on this end," Lamb, a South African native, said. "I'm just waiting to hear from the Orange Free State to find out if they want me or not. It isn't finalised yet but I hope to be playing for them this winter."

Unseeded Potter downs seeded Lindqvist

CHICAGO (AP) — Unseeded Barbara Potter staged the first upset of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Chicago tennis tournament Monday, employing an accurate ground attack to defeat no. 8 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 6-3, 6-2. The American stayed on the baseline and passed Lindqvist repeatedly in the fourth singles match of the day at the University of Illinois-Chicago pavilion.

USSR, China marksmen star in tourney

VALENCIA, Venezuela (AP) — Dimitri Monakov of the USSR and Yin Weiping of China won gold medals for the men's and women's individual trapshooting, respectively, at the World Shooting Tournament. Monakov scored 217 points, followed by East German Jorg Dammen with 216 and Alexander Lavrenko, also from the USSR, with 191 points. In the women's category, Yin won the gold with 183 points.

Indo-Pakistan exhibition match cancelled

CALCUTTA (R) — A one-day exhibition match between India and Pakistan has been cancelled because Pakistan says the Calcutta pitch on which the World Cup Cricket final was played is too dangerous, an Indian official said. But Indian cricket sources said the real reason was that

players were demanding too much money. "The Indian cricket board has been informed by Pakistan that the Eden Gardens wicket is not conducive for play and can cause injury to players," said Jagmohan Dalmia, an official of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). CAB sources said the criticism of the pitch was unjustified because it had been given a clean bill of health by Australian captain Allan Border after his team won the World Cup on Sunday. They said players were asking for more money than the CAB could afford. Meanwhile, India's star batsman Sunil Gavaskar told Calcutta's Telegraph Newspaper the match was inadvisable because of communal tensions between Hindus and Muslims. Gavaskar said he would play only if the organisers drew up two mixed teams comprising players from both sides. "In fact this would have been the most ideal thing," said Gavaskar.



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S. Arabia raises car fuel prices by 50%

RIYADH (AP) — Saudi Arabia's motorists found themselves on Tuesday paying 52.6 per cent more for their premium gasoline but still pay only the equivalent of 53.8 U.S. cents per gallon.

At a late Monday meeting, the Saudi council of ministers decided to raise the price of premium grade gasoline from 35 balalas a litre (35.3 cents per U.S. gallon) to 53.4 balalas per litre (53.8 cents per U.S. gallon). There are 100 balalas to the Saudi riyal and 3.75 riyals to the dollar.

The new decree covers only premium gasoline, which is virtually the only grade of gasoline available to motorists in the kingdom, the world's single largest crude oil exporter.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One Sterling	1.7955/65	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3180/90	Canadian dollar
	1.6540/50	West German marks
	1.8610/20	Dutch guilders
	1.3590/3600	Swiss francs
	34.63/68	Belgian francs
	5.6200/6300	French francs
	1222/1234	Italian lira
	133.40/50	Japanese yen
	6.0000/0100	Swedish crowns
	6.3300/3450	Norwegian crowns
	6.3800/3900	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	460.10/460.60	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices turned lower in late trading as Tuesday morning's rally ran out of steam and Wall Street opened predictably weak. Dealers said the factors affecting the market have not changed with the absence of fresh news from the U.S. budget deficit talks continuing to weigh heavily.

One dealer said, "This market's showing a sort of false calm at the moment but it's slightly encouraging that New York's lower opening hasn't affected us too badly."

At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 was 6.3 points down at 1,558.9 after a high of 1,571.2 at 1217 which more than wiped out the 50 point loss seen just after the opening.

This morning's falls saw the FTSE index reach its lowest level since August 1986 but during the morning some selective buying emerged, especially among blue-chips, with some operators deciding that the moment had arrived to pick up some bargains.

Dealers said underlying negative sentiment remains, however, with most sceptical the U.S. authorities will reach an agreement on the budget deficit which will please the markets.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1987

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GENERAL TENDENCIES:

This is not a day to force issues, since most everyone you'll meet is feeling touchy. Fray and contention will work much more effectively. Problems may arise at a place of amusement tonight.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Avoid an argument with your family or a close friend this morning, or you'll be in a lousy mood all day. Don't drive aggressively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) When communicating with others, be sure you are understood correctly. Try to calm down an associate who is set to be disturbed.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Look for errors in important reports and statements which could be disastrous. Be extremely cautious in motion of any kind tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get busy improving your income so you can stop moaning about being a "have out." Control your temper at home this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 23) Be cautious about revealing confidential information, or you'll get yourself into some trouble which you can't get out of.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A new associate may have you irked, but control your temper until you can get some further information on this person from your mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Try to become more independent. Your superiors will not be impressed if you're constantly asking favors of others in the workplace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You'll hear some new ideas today which sound magnificent, but don't form an instant opinion. Wait until tonight to think them over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure you handle any obligations before running off to some adventures. It may pay you to be suspicious of a newcomer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to be more understanding of an associate instead of immediately opposing every idea. Don't sign any contracts at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You'll be given a lot of work which has to be done yesterday, so get "in gear." Be particularly careful when dealing with people all day.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Even if schedule changes are necessary, get out to some relaxing amusement. Steer clear of an egotistical friend tonight.

Arabs urged to help enlarge Malaysian economy

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad called on Arab investors on Tuesday to set up industries in Malaysia to help enlarge the country's economy.

"You should not miss out on the opportunities that others are reaping now," Mr. Mahathir was quoted by the national news agency, Bernama, as saying when opening a five-day investment seminar for visiting Arab businessmen.

Businessmen from America, Europe and Japan had netted handsome profits from their investments in Malaysia, he added.

Mr. Mahathir said growth sectors in Malaysia included manufacturing, agriculture and agro-based industries, and urged Arabs to expand their current 43 million ringgit (\$17 million) investment in manufacturing.

He said Malaysia, as one of the members of the six-nation Association of South East Asian Nations, would give Arab investors a market access of 270 million people.

Airline passengers favour deregulation, survey shows

GENEVA (R) — Frequent flyers want fewer restrictions on airlines and expect to pay less and get more flights as a result, a survey by the International Foundation of Airline Passenger Associations (IFAPA) showed on Monday.

"Despite the concerns about safety and the consumer protection issue, people prefer a deregulation system by two to one," Mr. Geoffrey Lipman, IFAPA executive director, told Reuters.

Five out of six European respondents said they favoured deregulation because they believed it would promote lower fares, a better choice of airline and improved frequency.

European air travellers are growing increasingly resentful about fare-fixing and capacity-sharing agreements between airlines which are heavily protected by their governments.

The Geneva-based non-profit group polled 30,000 travellers in more than 100 countries who take an average of 14 round-trips annually.

The IFAPA survey report said: "Lower fare levels and choice of airlines are seen by the majority of respondents from all regions as improving with deregulation. But

safety, conditions at airports, cabin service and connections with other airlines are seen as worsening."

Moving swiftly through airport controls was rated more than twice as important as enjoying good services at an airport, IFAPA said. European residents are particularly concerned with the provision of fast border controls as a basic feature.

The survey showed a "massive demand for improved punctuality" on North American flights. Non smokers represented between 69 and 83 per cent of respondents in each region.

"Some smokers and very many non-smokers favour smoking bans, at least on flights of less than two hours," IFAPA said.

Swiss Air, Singapore Airlines and West Germany's Lufthansa were the top vote-getters for airlines. British Airways won the most nominations for the most improved airline.

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport and Singapore's Changi Airport received the most votes for preferred airport, IFAPA said. Amsterdam was first for best duty free shopping.

Executives see sluggish oil industry ahead

CHICAGO (Agencies) — A top Wall Street executive and the chairman of oil giant Chevron forecast tough times on Monday for the oil industry due to a probable economic slowdown, and continuing low prices.

Mr. Joel Fisher, vice-president for corporate finance at Drexel Burnham Lambert, said oil demand in the non-communist world will rise only modestly in 1988 because of the "somewhat dour global economic outlook" after the stock market collapse.

He told a meeting at the American Petroleum Institute (API) annual conference that demand would reach an estimated 47.6 million barrels per day (b/d) next year from 47.3 million b/d in 1987.

For next year, U.S. demand will reach some 16.7 million b/d, around 1.2 per cent above 1987 demand of 16.5 million b/d, Mr. Fisher said.

Mr. George Keller, Chevron's chairman and outgoing chairman of the API, said oil exploration in the United States will not rise significantly next year because oil prices are likely to remain in a \$18 to \$20 a barrel range.

Mr. Keller said oil prices would have to be in the upper end of the \$25 to \$30 range for exploration in the United States to rise significantly. Prices last week dropped below \$19 a barrel for the first time since early September.

Meanwhile, OPEC may set up an independent auditing system to ensure that member countries comply with oil production quotas that will be assigned next month to prevent another price collapse, officials said Monday.

The 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) face a plunge in crude oil prices if they fail to adhere "strictly and religiously" to the new quotas, to be set at the Dec. 9 conference, Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said.

Japanese expand business in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) — Some European and U.S. banks are cutting their operations back further in the offshore banking centre of Bahrain as the world stock market slump dims prospects for investment banking, Gulf-based bankers say.

A decision by Britain's Midland Bank to close its offshore banking unit (OBU) was likely to set other foreign banks thinking about their role in Bahrain once more, bankers said.

But Japanese securities houses, benefiting from Middle East demand for yen stocks and bonds, have been expanding strongly against the trend.

The closure of Midland's OBU, announced in early November, marks the second major British pullback from Bahrain this year following Lloyds Bank's decision to close at the start of 1987.

Lloyds shifted some of its operations to the rival banking centre of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Unlike Lloyds, Midland will retain a representative office in Bahrain.

The other two major British clearing banks, National Westminster and Barclays no longer

have foreign exchange dealing rooms in Bahrain but have shown no sign of leaving the island, bankers said.

The number of OBUs has, however, been steadily sliding and is now down to 66 compared with 74 at the end of 1985.

Bankers said Midland's decision came as no surprise and its strategy reflects thinking in the boardrooms of foreign banks now reviewing their policies in Bahrain.

Two of the major reasons for setting up on the island have declined in importance — the boom in lending to Gulf nations petered out as early as 1983 and since then many corporate loans in the region have turned sour. A few banks have turned into little more than debt collection agencies, bankers said.

Bahrain's role as a foreign exchange centre, bridging the gap between the Far East and Europe

has also declined as 24-hour trading centres more on London, New York and Tokyo.

As a result, OBUs have been switching into investment banking, tapping still high private wealth in the Gulf.

Bahrain International Bank this week went ahead with a new fund to invest in medium-sized U.S. companies despite the Wall Street slump, but Bahrain Middle East Bank E.C. has postponed the planned launch of an international equity fund pending a review of world stock markets.

One Gulf-based banker said: "The stock market slump will certainly prompt a hard look at investment banking in Bahrain, Middle East investors want to know about only one thing... cash. At most now, perhaps a small short-term investment in bonds."

Bankers said Japanese securities houses appear, however, to be pushing ahead with expansion plans, even though these were drawn up before "Black Monday," Oct. 19, when Wall Street crashed.

Daiwa Securities Company said it will upgrade its operation

from early next year, while Oka-san International (Middle East), which set up a year ago, has been steadily increasing staff.

Sanyo Securities Company is due to open a representative office this year and Nomura Investment Banking (Middle East), with a staff of around 50, is moving to new headquarters.

Some bankers believe, however, that up to 10 small non-Japanese OBUs or one-man representative offices may leave over the next few years in a bid to cut overheads.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency — the island's central bank — appears to have adopted a view that there is nothing unusual in banks retrenching, especially if there is a steady influx of new banks, bankers added.

But it has also been taking measures to make the island more attractive to banks.

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team is in Bahrain studying bank operations and reviewing possible new products. Bankers believe the outcome could be a liberalisation of financial instruments and perhaps more flexible licensing.

Dollar, shares continue unabated plunge

LONDON (Agencies) — The dollar again hit historic lows and share prices retreated around the globe on Tuesday in financial markets assailed by doubts about the U.S. economy.

Japan's Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, echoed European leaders who have urged the Reagan administration to restore confidence in its ability to handle the crisis by raising taxes to cut America's federal budget deficit.

"The important thing is that the president has to make a decision to accept a tax increase," Mr. Miyazawa told a Tokyo news conference.

While the Bank of Japan intervened in the open market to try to brake the dollar's fall, which risks damage to other nation's export earnings, the United States appeared willing to let it slide to help it solve its own problems.

The dollar fell to a London opening of 133.45, down nearly a yen from Monday, after touching a quoted record low of 133.25 in early trading. It began at 1.6580 Deutschmarks — later touching a quoted 1.6530, its lowest since West Germany's currency was created in 1948.

It hit a record low of 1.3585 Swiss francs in Zurich.

In the stock markets, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei index closed 731 points or 3.4 per cent down at 21,686, following a drop of nearly 60 points or three per cent on Wall Street on Monday.

Tokyo trading ends before Europe's day starts. European stock markets extended the retreat with the London blue-chip barometer, the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index, falling 50 points in early business before rallying.

Shares weakened in Frankfurt, Zurich, Madrid, Amsterdam and Paris, where market sources said the bourse was down 6.77 per cent at the opening of the main session.

Paris dealers said they were swamped by sell orders. "This is severe haemorrhage. There's no stemming it," one said. Trading in some leading blue chips including bank group Paribas and carmaker Peugeot was suspended following excessive falls.

The dollar's weakness bit the share prices of European companies which export to the United States — West German luxury carmaker BMW dropped 11 per cent despite news that its sales rose 18 per cent in the first 10 months of 1987.

Frankfurt's computer quote system failed at the start of bourse trading. Dealers said many blue chips were marked down around 10 per cent.

Currency dealers saw the dollar headed even lower.

The general assessment was that the United States is bappy to let it slide to help correct its trade deficit and that it certainly does not want to prop it up by raising interest rates, which would add to the risk of U.S. recession following the crash in stock markets.

Three weeks after the "Black Monday" 508-point crash on Wall Street, dealers in currencies and stock said that confidence will not return unless the United States makes substantial cuts in its budget deficit, seen as a major drag on the global economy.

U.S. budget talks in Washington, now in their third week and not far from a Nov. 20 deadline, have made slow progress.

Tuesday's New York Times

meanwhile quoted Reagan administration officials as welcoming a weaker dollar. One said the White House wanted it to "drift, drift, drift."

Until recently, the U.S. had joined other leading industrialised nations in trying to keep the dollar stable but such cooperation seemed to end with the stock market crash of Oct. 19, which raised fears of a U.S. recession before next year's presidential election.

According to the New York Times report, one Reagan administration official confirmed market suspicions that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board has not been intervening in the open market to support the dollar.

By contrast, the Bank of Japan repeatedly intervened in Tokyo on Monday, dealers said, estimating the official purchases at about \$800 to \$900 million.

Despite the dollar's weakness and falls on stock markets, the gold price slipped to a London morning setting of \$458.75 an ounce on Tuesday, down \$4.25 on Monday night.

Meanwhile, the central bank chiefs of major industrial nations issued a mildly worded call Monday for government action to correct trade imbalances and stabilise the dollar.

In a statement at the close of two days of intense discussions, the officials said they were ready to take "appropriate" steps to foster more stability in the world financial system.

They announced no new policy initiatives but reaffirmed a commitment to keeping the financial markets running smoothly in the wake of the October stock market crash and concerns about the rapid decline of the dollar.

The central bankers — from the United States, Japan, West Germany and eight smaller Western nations — said they exchanged views on the recent turmoil in world stock and exchange markets and agreed on policies needed to cope with it.

The West European and Japanese governments are worried by the dollar's slide, which hurts their export industries at a time when world economic growth is threatened by the effects of the stock price crash.

The Basel statement was issued in the name of Mr. Karl Otto Poehl, the West German Bundesbank president and chairman of the meeting. It said the officials put special emphasis on the need to correct global trade imbalances, such as the huge U.S. deficit and the large Japanese and West German surpluses.

"They stressed the importance of moves by governments of major industrial nations to adopt fiscal policies with the objectives of reducing existing payments imbalances" and stabilising the dollar, the statement said.

It added that the central banks were "ready to support these objectives with appropriate monetary policies."

Pressed by reporters for comment afterward, Mr. Poehl declined to elaborate on the statement.

Other central bankers left the meeting without commenting, continuing a general policy of silence since the talks began Sunday.

One European central banker, speaking later on condition of anonymity, said the officials were satisfied that they made some progress toward reestablishing coordination of policies.

THE Daily Crossword by Sidney L. Robbins

ACROSS

- Top livers
- Possesses
- Norse poetry collection
- Con game
- Saucy
- Mean
- Expansive
- Coastal lily
- Lab burner
- Perennial herb
- Scuba lily
- Urges
- Goliwogg
- Russ, letters
- Overflow
- Vestigial
- leather
- Spring
- festivals
- Delinquent
- Recollections
- Start
- Make believe
- Notable period in history
- Ruth
- Seraglio
- rooms
- Slitch
- Store events
- Can, prov.
- Shepherd
- Jeweled
- headlines
- Energy source: abbr.
- Diving birds
- Permit
- Carative
- adventure
- Attempt
- Backtalk

DOWN

- Dear
- Ramsey
- Chemical
- Compound
- Overcharge
- Leander's love
- Cartoonist
- Peter
- Let it stand
- Fit
- Hold back

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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11 Oh, woe!		
12 Fragrance		
13 Hidden		
20 Court		
23 Expenses		
24 Melancholy		
25 Svelte		
26 Stratagem		
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29 Opportunity		
30 Shm-bear: Sp.		
32 Soot pigment		
33 Workshop		
34 Thorny bush		
36 Liliant		
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44 Observes		
45 Presidential monogram		
47 Abzug of politics		
48 Do talking		
50 Charles' dog		
51 Leaves port		
52 Chin, money		
53 Question word		
54 Eleventh		
55 Blackish		
56 Singling syllables		
57 Cupid		
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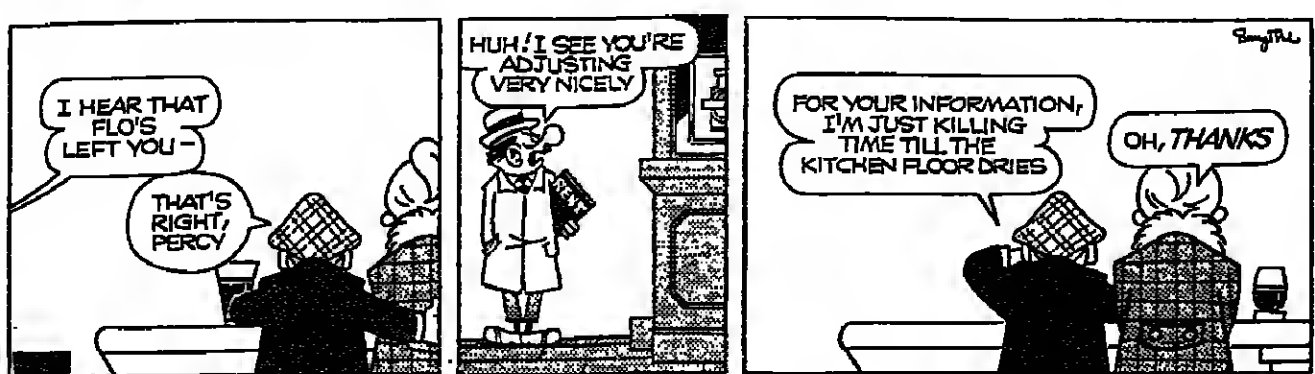
Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUXTE
KOCH
PAUCT
CRAHNB

Now arrange the unscrambled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IRATE CREEK GENIUS MEDLEY
Answer: A hypochondriac suffers in a hundred ways, but never in this—SILENCE

Bangladesh police shoot dead 3 during opposition demonstrations

DHAKA (Agencies) — Police shot dead three protesters and fought running street battles in Dhaka on Tuesday during opposition demonstrations aimed at forcing the resignation of Bangladesh's President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

Home (Interior) Minister Abdul Matin said police opened fire on several thousand demonstrators marching on the main government office in the capital. Police officers had earlier said four had been shot.

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina said six people were killed. Independent confirmation was not available.

Scores of people were injured during the day-long protest which turned parts of the city into a battlefield. Dozens were arrested.

Mr. Matin said protesters fired pistols at police, who returned fire killing three and wounding two. Fifteen policemen were hurt.

Police fired in the air with assault rifles, let off tear gas, hurled rocks back at demonstra-

gas canisters and the blast of home-made bombs tossed by demonstrators.

Lines of paramilitary troops, some with machine guns, stood behind the riot police, who bore the brunt of the clashes.

Opposition members also fought with supporters of Gen. Ershad's Jatiya Party who tried to encourage people to go to work and open shops.

Ms. Hasina and rival opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia had sunk political differences and called for hundreds of thousands of people to march on Dhaka on Tuesday, the first anniversary of Gen. Ershad's ending of military rule. Both women called for an indefinite general strike on Wednesday to protest against the police shooting.

Reporters estimated the crowd at 10,000. Ms. Hasina put it at 200,000, and the government called it negligible.

"Except for some lawlessness by some hoodlums no gentlemen have responded to the call for the

so-called siege," Home Minister Matin told Reuters.

Ershad, a 57-year-old army general, said on Monday the march would fail, and that he had no intention of resigning.

Former Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, a senior member of the opposition Awami League, said he knew of six people who were killed by police fire. He said a total of 50 people had been injured in the first four hours of the protests. Other Awami officials gave the same figures.

The major flashpoint was an intersection midway between the Baitul Makaram, Dhaka's biggest mosque, and the government secretariat, where Gen. Ershad's cabinet ministers have offices.

About 4,000 marchers converged on the square and staged a sit-in directly in front of about 100 helmeted policemen armed with rifles, tear gas and batons made of cane. At least 400 other policemen waited on foot and in trucks nearby.

Violent protests erupt as Colombo parliament debates autonomy bill

COLOMBO (R) — Sinhalese hardliners opposed to Tamil autonomy cut power lines, burned buses and tore up railway lines on Tuesday, police said, as parliament debated legislation to give limited self-rule to Sri Lanka's Tamil areas.

Troops sealed off parliament and armed cars patrolled Colombo's streets after a bomb blast ripped through a suburb of the capital on Monday evening, killing at least 32 people and wounding 106 in a hail of twisted metal and flying glass.

Police and local residents reported protests and violence in several parts of southern Sri Lanka. School children and students staged demonstrations against the legislation.

Explosives damaged power transformers in the two southern districts of Galle and Matara, cutting electricity and piped water to more than 1.5 million people, residents said.

Railway sleepers on two lines into Colombo were uprooted, stranding thousands of people heading to work, police said.

Protesters burned four buses, two in a Colombo suburb and two in the southern city of Galle, after passengers were ordered out by suspected members of a majority Sinhalese extremist group, police said.

Monday's bomb blast went off in front of a police station three

Prince warns against quack medicine

RIYADH (R) — Drinking brake oil as a cure for mild leprosy has killed one person and made other people sick in Saudi Arabia, the governor of Riyadh revealed on Tuesday. Prince Sulman Ibn Abdul Aziz suggested that newspapers — one of which first reported the "cure" — take more care in promoting "popular medicine." In a letter in Al Riyadh newspaper, the prince rebuked "people who become doctors overnight," and said: "We should not seek a scoop at the cost of harming others."

Golden Hind replica sinks in storm

DARTMOUTH, England (AP) — A replica of Sir Francis Drake's famous ship, the Golden Hind, sank Monday as it was being towed to Dartmouth for repairs. The 31-metre ship, a popular tourist attraction in the south of England port of Brixham, sank after foundering at the entrance to the Dart River in stormy weather. A coast guard spokesman said: "She didn't strike anything — she just started taking in water and sank. The water there is not all that deep." Owner John Read, 59, watched from the tugboat while the Golden Hind's stern, the only part still afloat, drifted slowly south. He had spent about £60,000 (\$107,000) renovating the vessel, a coastal defence ship converted in 1954 to resemble the Golden Hind. It has since appeared in many films and television programmes. The vessel was a replica of the ship used by Drake to circumnavigate the globe in a three-year journey which ended in England in September 1580. En route, Drake plundered Spanish ships. When the Spanish ambassador demanded he be punished, Queen Elizabeth I responded by knighting the English explorer on the deck of the Golden Hind. The original Golden Hind lay in berth along the River Thames in London until 1662 when its timbers finally rotted beyond repair and the vessel had to be broken up.

Unemployed man wins record lottery prize

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — An unemployed man won more than \$2 million tax free in this week's Brazilian lottery, the Federal Savings Bank said on Monday. Because of fears for his safety, the winner was identified only as a 62-year-old man with a wife and two sons living in Belo Horizonte. He will pocket a record 119 million cruzados (\$2.08 million) for correctly guessing five numbers on the lottery, having bet the equivalent of \$2.50. His winnings surpassed the record Brazilian jackpot of \$2 million won by a Rio de Janeiro student on the soccer pools in 1972.

Stallone caught up in border clash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone, in Israel to film Rambo III, fled his hotel room after security guards convinced him that he and his entourage were in danger when gunfire erupted outside, his publicist has confirmed. The Sunday night incident was reported by television's Entertainment Tonight reporter Leeza Gibbons, who was on assignment in the area and interviewed the noticeably shaken Stallone. None of the crewmembers was injured and the source of the gunfire was not available. Publicist Paul Bloch confirmed the report after talking to Stallone early Monday. Gunfire erupted 150 metres outside the hotel, which is less than 500 metres from the Israel-Jordan ceasefire line, and hotel security guards burst into Stallone's room to evacuate the building. But Stallone, who was editing Rambo III, refused initially to leave. He was persuaded to evacuate as the fighting intensified. Ms. Gibbons said, Stallone will continue filming Rambo III in Israel through the end of the month, Bloch said.

Auction set for Van Gogh painting

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Vincent Van Gogh's Irises goes to auction this week, and observers say it may become the most expensive painting ever. The masterpiece, which had been on display in a small Maine gallery for 11 years, will be offered for sale Wednesday night at Sotheby's in New York. "It will be an exciting occasion," John Tanocok, head of Sotheby's Impressionist Department, said Monday. "Everyone in the world will want to be in that room to see it sold." Van Gogh, who was able to sell few if any pictures during his short, tormented lifetime, painted the Irises in the garden of the Saint-Remy Asylum where he lived before his suicide in 1890. The Dutch master's paintings have soared in value this year, setting price records the artist could not have imagined as he lived in dire poverty before his death at age 37. Irises, which depicts a patch of purple Irises and one white bloom in a sea of green stems, is owned by John Whitney Payson, an art consultant who lives in Maine. His mother, Joan Whitney Payson, a philanthropist, art collector and owner of the New York Mets baseball team, acquired it for \$80,000 in 1947, and hung it over the fireplace in her living room. Since 1976, the painting was displayed at Westbrook College in suburban Portland. Payson decided to sell Irises after another Van Gogh masterpiece, Sunflowers, was bought in March by a Japanese insurance firm for \$39.9 million, the most ever paid for a painting.

Hillary's son fails in 2nd Everest bid

KATHMANDU (R) — Peter Hillary, son of Mount Everest's first conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary, has abandoned his second bid to climb the world's highest mountain, Nepal's Tourism Ministry said on Tuesday. All climbers tackling Everest from the Nepalese side including two teams of Europeans and Americans had abandoned because of strong winds and bad weather, it said. The brief official statement said Hillary's four-man team gave up on Nov. 2 after failing to better the 8,200 metres (27,000 feet) mark reached in late September by two members, New Zealander Kim Logan and Australian Michael Rheinberger. The two suffered frostbite and left the expedition in early October. Hillary's first bid to follow his father to the top of the world with a six-man team of Australians and New Zealanders in 1984 reached 8,200 metres (26,900 feet) and resulted in the deaths of two of its members. American and European climbers returning to Kathmandu said none of them had got above the 8,400 metres (27,560 feet) mark reached on Oct. 2 by Italian Reinhard Patzschneider and Austrian Thomas Schilder.

Group recreates 15th century voyage

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Five centuries after Bartolomeu Dias discovered the sea route to India around the Cape of Good Hope, 13 Portuguese and four South African sailors set sail Sunday in a replica of a 15th-century vessel to recreate the 9,600-kilometre voyage. The 23.5-metre ship lifted anchor off Belem Tower on the Tagus River estuary in Lisbon amid a flotilla of hundreds of small sailing craft to begin the four-month voyage to Mossel Bay on the southern tip of Africa. Thousands of well-wishers, including weeping family members, lined the shore. The 170-ton vessel was built during the past three years by a team of 100 artisans in the northern Portuguese port of Viana do Castelo. The cost of \$570,000 was met by Portuguese emigrants living in South Africa to commemorate Portugal's maritime discoveries. In 1487, King John II of Portugal sent his squire Bartolomeu Dias in search of a seaway to India, thought to be the source of coveted spices. His three small vessels reached as far as Mossel Bay. On the voyage back, he named the Cape of Good Hope in the faith it would open the route to Asia. Portuguese explorer Vasco De Gama followed Dias' course around the Horn of Africa to reach India in 1498. "The sea has always been our destiny," said Captain Emilio de Sousa, 66, as the replica vessel set sail from the site where Portugal's 15th and 16th century navigators departed on the voyages that led Europeans to Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Seoul presidential vote set for Dec. 16

SEOUL (R) — South Korea will hold its first free presidential election in 16 years on Dec. 16 to choose a successor to President Chun Doo Hwan, ruling party officials said on Tuesday.

Opposition spokesmen said they had no objection to the election date, decided by the government and ruling party.

Under rare bipartisan agreement earlier this year, government and opposition parties successfully negotiated a new democratic constitution, calling for the direct polls and greater human and labour rights and a freer press.

The constitution also drastically slashes emergency powers enjoyed by Mr. Chun under his

1980 charter, including the right to disband parliament, and instead enhances the authority of parliament and legislature.

The two camps had previously agreed on presidential polls before Dec. 20, but the exact date had not been fixed.

Mr. Chun says he will hand over the presidency next February, ending his single term mandated by an indirect electoral college to realise the country's first peaceful change of power, and to "lay the firm foundation for genuine democracy."

The former general had vehemently opposed a direct presidential vote, saying it would only cause national division and im-

pede democracy by excessive competition.

But after nationwide anti-government demonstrations in June, he conceded wide-ranging democratic reforms.

Radical students and workers, many of whom the government denounces as leftist extremists or pro-Communists, have staged violent protests against Mr. Chun and his chosen heir and ruling party presidential candidate, Roh Tae-woo.

In the coming polls, he faces opposition giants Kim Dae-jung and Kim Young-sam and former Prime Minister Kim Jong-il, who was the chief lieutenant to the late President Park Chung-hee.

2 bombs explode in Singapore

SINGAPORE (R) — Two bomb explosions rocked Singapore's financial district early on Tuesday and a bomb scare was reported in a 12-storey building housing the Israeli and Canadian diplomatic missions.

A police spokesman said a bomb shattered glass in the American International Assurance Building at the junction of Telegraph Street and Robinson Road around midnight.

A few hours later a second explosion a few blocks away destroyed a large cement flower pot outside the Shell Tower, which houses scores of commercial offices and an international news agency.

No casualties were reported in either incident.

Philippine military vows to stop rebels in 3 years

MANILA (R) — The Philippine military pledged on Tuesday a "combat without let-up" to end the country's 18-year-old Communist insurgency within three years.

Increased civilian support for the army would help intelligence gathering and a new strategy, which he did not detail, would be put into effect early next year, military spokesman Col. Oscar Florendo said.

"The Armed Forces of the Philippines more than ever, are

now prepared to do combat without let-up against the... Communist terrorists," he said on Radio.

"The days of the Communist Party and the New People's Army (NPA) are numbered," he said.

Military joint operations chief, Col. Clemente Mariano, said at the weekend the army would fight the rebels in every barangay (village) in the Philippines.

"We will adopt the enemy's own techniques... it will be a battle for the barangays,"

3rd Chernobyl reactor to start up again

MOSCOW (R) — The third of four reactors at the Chernobyl nuclear power station is expected to resume electricity production soon, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda said on Tuesday.

The third unit at the Ukrainian power plant has been shut down since the adjacent fourth reactor exploded and caught fire on April 26, 1986. Chernobyl officials have said it would have to be brought on stream to fulfil the 1987 state

energy plan.

"Everyone we spoke with at the station each time felt certain that the third reactor of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant will soon be giving the country electric current," Pravda said in a report from the area.

The Chernobyl third unit suffered serious radiation contamination in the explosion, and had to be cleaned up before nuclear technicians could enter the premises.

Moscow panel to abolish internal exile

MOSCOW (AP) — A government committee rewriting the nation's criminal code wants to abolish internal exile as punishment and reduce the number of offenses punishable by firing squad, Justice Minister Boris Kravtsov has said.

In an interview with the Soviet News Agency TASS, Mr. Kravtsov also said the government committee rewriting the 30-year-old criminal code has proposed a shorter maximum prison term.

Mr. Kravtsov said consideration also is being given to broadening the rights of the nation's defense lawyers, presumably to provide them with better access to information obtained during criminal investigations.

TASS gave few details of the proposed changes and did not

make clear whether the proposals have made their way into a draft document yet, or remain merely suggestions.

When the new criminal code is prepared, it likely will be debated and revised by senior Communist Party members before being presented to the nominal parliament, the Supreme Soviet, for approval.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said in February that a review and revision was in progress of the Russian Republic's criminal code, which serves as the basis for legal codes throughout the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gerasimov said then that the committee was considering removal of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" from the list of

punishable offenses. The ill-defined article 70 has often been used to punish dissidents and religious activists.

But TASS made no mention of proposals by the review committee to drop article 70 or other specific statutes from the criminal code.

The code is nearly 30 years old," Mr. Kravtsov said. "Over this time there have been vast changes in the country's life and they must be reflected legislatively."

Referring to the work of the review committee, Mr. Kravtsov said: "It is suggested reducing the scope of crimes to be punished by death, abolish exile and banishment provisions, and slash maximum prison terms to 10 years from the current 15."

Reagan rejects blame for 2nd Supreme Court setback

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, under fire from fellow conservatives after his second failure to fill a Supreme Court vacancy, has refused to accept any blame for the collapse of Judge Douglas Ginsburg's nomination.

Intensifying the thunder on the right was word from the White House that Anthony Kennedy, an appeals court judge from California, is likely to be the next nominee to replace retired Justice Lewis Powell on America's highest court.

Many conservatives, North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms chief among them, doubt Judge Kennedy is conservative enough. But the 51-year-old jurist, who

worked with Mr. Reagan in his days as California governor, is well-regarded by most of the Senate's Democratic majority as well as Republican moderates, leading Reagan aides to believe he would be easily confirmed.

White House Chief of staff Howard Baker, in what was seen as an effort to mollify Judge Kennedy's right-wing critics, went to Capitol Hill on Monday to consult with Republican senators.

Mr. Reagan, meantime, heatedly replied to conservative charges that he had prematurely thrown in the towel on Judge Ginsburg, who stepped down after admitting he used marijuana in the 1960s and 1970s.

Soviets reiterate decision on Afghan pullout

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Soviet U.N. Representative Alexander Belonogov has said that Moscow had already decided to withdraw Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

He said the troops would be withdrawn provided there was an end to outside interference in Afghanistan.

Mr. Belonogov was speaking in this year's General Assembly debate on Afghanistan, held annually since Soviet troops intervened to back the government in Kabul in December 1979.

"As to the Soviet troops, we are not going to keep them long in Afghanistan, especially since a political decision to withdraw our military contingent has already been made by the Soviet leadership and it will be implemented on the understanding, of course, that the interference from outside in the internal affairs of Afghanistan will end," he said.

Referring to Western assistance to "Afghan rebels," he said United States aid totalled \$670 million during 1987 and was expected to exceed \$1 billion in 1988.

"But those 'freedom fighters' who are supplied with these missiles apparently also consider them as a good source of personal income," Mr. Belonogov said.

Report cites rising risk of terrorist nuclear threat

WASHINGTON (R) — The risk is rising that terrorists could steal radioactive materials and use them to build nuclear weapons, the Defence Department has said in a report.

It said anti-theft efforts should be intensified.

The report, prepared for Congress, said the amount of radioactive plutonium for nuclear power plants would rise considerably through the year 2000.

Plutonium can be used to make nuclear bombs.

Congressman Howard Wolpe, who released the report, said in a statement: "The federal government is playing hide-and-seek with disaster."

The report said: "Opportunities for terrorist acts, including attempts to steal civil plutonium, will rise substantially," said the report. It estimated that in the 1990s up to 300 shipments of weapons-grade plutonium would leave commercial reprocessing plants in Europe each year — 10

times the current number.

Shipments by air, land and sea could become terrorist targets, and protection of such shipments was often less stringent abroad than in the United States, it said.

"Terrorists obtaining nuclear materials or weapons could conceivably perpetrate acts of a great magnitude with greater consequences for society than any previous acts of terrorism," according to the report.

It said terrorists might build "a crude nuclear explosive device" to blackmail a government or cause mass devastation.

Mr. Wolpe told reporters: "With only 20 pounds of plutonium, a terrorist can construct a bomb. Nuclear materials are not being protected abroad."

He said the United States should try to limit commerce in plutonium and strengthen international standards on protecting nuclear materials.

Washington tries to monitor whether its commercial nuclear

power exports are adequately protected.

Plutonium and high-enriched uranium, another nuclear weapon material, are protected in civilian atomic power programmes round the world under international guidelines.

But safeguards within the United States are more stringent than the international standard, which in some cases might not prove adequate, the report said.

"A large shipment of separated plutonium... could under the guideline arguably be sent by sea without armed guards, without an adequate means of continuous surveillance and communications, and without realistic contingency plans for assuring that an adequately armed response force will arrive in time to prevent a successful diversion," it said.

In one case, a poorly protected shipment was planned but security was bolstered at the last mi-

nute, according to the study. It did not identify the country involved.

Terrorists trying to steal nuclear materials in the United States would encounter armed guards with weapons training, and a large armed response force would generally be in touch by radio and ready to react quickly, according to security experts.

But outside America, the report said, guards would not necessarily be armed or well trained and there was no clear requirement that a response force be ready to arrive quickly.

Governments in Europe and Asia have assured the U.S. Defence Department that adequate protection by armed guards and police is being provided under the international guidelines.

But the report said there had been cases when those assurances did not provide "an adequate basis for assessing the physical security of U.S.-controlled material."

GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K853 ♣Q876 ♠A1063
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass
What action do you take?
A.—It is possible that you are not in your best spot, but there is no need to find out. Certainly, partner has no great interest in spades, or he would have doubled rather than make a simple overall. He should have a good suit for his action at this vulnerability, and your smothering of high cards should be of help Pass.
- Q.2**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠KQJ7 ♠A9 ♠AK10852
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass
What action do you take?
A.—While partner might not have much in the way of high cards, he certainly should have long hearts to rebid his suit after you have offered him a choice of two suits. Therefore, a raise to four hearts is clearly indicated.
- Q.3**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠K9 ♠AKJ73 ♠J6 ♠10852
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—So far, you have shown partner only a dead minimum opening bid with a preference for clubs over spades, yet he continues to probe for more than game. It is time to highlight your spade feature. Bid three spades. It is safe, since you have already denied four-card support.
- Q.4**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠AQJ ♠KJ1063 ♠QJ980
- The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
What action do you take?
A.—Even in the modern style, where you play that a two-over-one response shows the equivalent of an opening bid, your hand is worth a move. You have nothing to cue-bid and, since it is your hold in partner's suit, that makes you like your hand, a bid of four spades is the obvious choice. The only other bid to consider is five hearts.
- Q.5**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠Q9 ♠AK872 ♠953 ♠K2
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
What action do you take?
A.—You cannot construct a hand where partner does not have a side-suit ace that he would bid this way. If he held something like ♠KQJ ♠AQ5432 ♠K2 ♠K2 he would simply ask for aces. Take away a king, and his hand would be too weak to jump. Therefore, he must have both the ace of spades and of diamonds, and it is the trump suit he is worried about. Reassure him by bidding six hearts.